

**Comment of the day**

**\$skulduggery**

WHEN is a dollar not a dollar? The answer according to some indignant tourists, is when you are in Hongkong. For what is happening? According to the same tourists, they are quoted prices, they leave a deposit on an article, and upon returning to collect the article in question, they are told, most politely of course, that when the assistant was quoting dollars, he was referring to US not HK.

Now this is skulduggery even if it is an isolated case, but it is by no means an isolated case, and this deceitful artifice is practised by firms who would be most indignant if their integrity was questioned. It is far too common to be doing Hongkong's Tourist Association any good.

It is elementary, surely, that every country calculates its currency according to the standard of its own peculiar coin; in other words, in the United States we reckon in dollars, and we mean United States dollars not Mexican or Hongkong dollars. In Tokyo we pay our bills in yen; in London in pounds, not Australian or Egyptian, but English pounds sterling.

AND by the same token, when we speak of dollars in Hongkong, we mean Hongkong dollars. There can be no exceptions to this rule, and any who would have it otherwise is merely indulging in sharp practice. And such practices will ultimately reflect upon the Colony, its good name, and to its subsequent economic injury. The question now becomes, how widespread is this practice of quoting prices in United States dollars?

It is possible, even at this moment, to visit shops in the centre of Victoria, where this practice is indulged to the extent of price tagging articles in US\$. Having made our point we now throw the problem back to the Hongkong Tourist Association. The HK\$ is the legal currency of this Colony. How far are the currency rules of this Colony flouted when dealers quote for cash deals in a currency other than that legally established in Hongkong?

ON the other hand, we are bound to state that the fault is not entirely due to local practices. The tourist himself is not altogether guiltless. Time and time again we have heard in restaurant and store a tourist query a bill by asking, "Does that mean Hongkong or U.S. dollars?"

It follows that the knave is going to cash in on such an easy customer, either ignorant or assuming to be, of any rules governing international procedures in currency.

The tale is now a legend of the richshaw puller who receives a US\$ note for pulling his charge to the ferry from the Peninsula Hotel, and it goes alongside with the story of the resident who wishing to put the tourist right was snubbed for his troubles. But this is the position, and about this question there can be neither quibble nor equivocation. Dollar in Hongkong must mean the Hongkong dollar. And this double dealing, sharp practice, double talk, must cease. And it is up to the Hongkong Tourist Association as much as the local Government to see that it ceases. Now!

Communists blamed for offensive against Portugal

16 KILLED IN ANGOLA RIOTS

European police and army corporal dead

Lisbon, Feb. 5.  
At least 16 people were killed in yesterday's riots at Luanda, Portuguese West Africa, in which the local official radio station, civil and military prisons and a police barracks were attacked, it was reported here today.

Former NSW Governor dies

Sevenoaks, Feb. 5.  
Air Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game, who died here aged 84 on Saturday night, "sacked" the Premier and entire Cabinet of New South Wales when he was Governor of the State over a quarter of a century ago.

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Two-headed fish

Cape Town, Feb. 6.  
A couple walking on a beach near here, saw a two-headed fish wriggling on the sand.

They took it home, still alive, in a jar and got in touch with the Cape Town Aquarium.

The fish, however, died during the night and is now in the Cape Town Museum. About three inches long, it is believed to be a barbel. It has one body and one tail, and two heads side by side.—AP.

No drunken orgies

London, Feb. 6.  
The National Union of Retail Confectioners today appealed to the Government to permit sweet stores to sell liquor chocolates without a liquor licence because the alcoholic content of liquor chocolates is never above six per cent, so there is hardly any danger of encouraging drunken orgies.—UPI.

7 CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Montreal, Feb. 5.  
Seven children, ranging in age from six months to nine years, died near Windsor Mills, Quebec today when their two-story farm house burned to the ground.—UPI.

Landslide toll rises to 11

Brussels, Feb. 5.  
Hundreds of Sunday sightseers—their cars packed surrounding roads—today watched from hillside the rescue workers digging into the landslide at Moulin-sous-Fleuron near Jupille.

The death toll rose to 11 when eight bodies were found today. They included the body of a doctor's wife, Mrs. Liliane Marchal-Guillaume, and her six and four-year-old sons, found claspings each other, police said.

The bodies of three other children and a mother and a grandmother were also recovered.

Mr. Joseph Magnon, Burgomaster of Jupille, said a full inquiry is being held into the tragedy. Police, investigating magistrates and other competent authorities were taking part.

Delayed

An army general watching soldiers at work at the scene today reported a train carrying bulldozers, excavators, searchlights and other rescue equipment sent by the Belgian army corps in West Germany was delayed for a few hours through an error at a railway signal box.

Mr. Magnon said that "unfortunately the army arrived a bit late, but at the time most available forces were working in flood areas."

He believed that state financial help would soon be forthcoming after the visit to the disaster scene yesterday of King Baudouin, Queen Fabiola and Prince Albert. The needs of the families which suffered were already being investigated, he added.

Detainees

Many of those detained after the riots are reported to speak French, and government supporters here said this fitted into the international pattern of the attack on the Portuguese Government which began with the seizure of the liner Santa Maria.

The Catholic newspaper A Voz said today, "We know enough to confirm our conviction that the Communists and their allies of all shades... are developing an offensive against Portugal from the Caribbean Sea to Luanda and heaven knows to where from there."

"International Communism wishes to convince world opinion that we are ready to slaughter masses of the native populations of Angola and Mozambique."

Planned

The Government Diario Da Manhã said, "It has all been planned, the seizure by force of the Santa Maria, revolutionary activities in Luanda. Who knows if similar activities are not being prepared in other overseas provinces and even in the metropolis."

The Portuguese national radio reported from Luanda tonight that thousands of people of all classes attended the funeral today of the six policemen and soldiers killed yesterday.

The city was said to be calm.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRACTORS FOR CHINA

London, Feb. 6.  
The Massey-Ferguson Company today said it had received an order from China for 400 tractors.

The order was to be filled by the British tractor factory at Coventry. It was stated, with authorization of the Board of Trade.

A statement from Massey-Ferguson said there was no ban on exporting such tractors to China.—AP.

Rainy day passed

Cardiff, Feb. 5.  
Mr. Wallace Taylor, a 40-year-old bricklayer of Tredegar, South Wales, won £51 in a football sweep run by the Tredegar Rugby Club in 1954.

He was paid by cheque, but instead of cashing it he put it away in an upstairs drawer "until a rainy day" came along.

Mr. Taylor's "rainy day" arrived when he was off work for two weeks because of sickness. He took the cheque to a local licensee, who said that he would want a bank to approve it. Bank officials said they would require a new cheque.

Mr. Taylor, who has not succeeded in getting the cheque cashed, said: "Officials of the club said they could not do anything about it."

Mr. Ivor James, chairman of the club, said they felt they did not owe the £51 to Mr. Taylor.

KATANGA BUYS FRENCH JET PLANES

London, Feb. 6.  
The London Daily Mail, in a dispatch from its special correspondent in Leopoldville, reported today that President Moise Tshombe of the Congo's secessionist Katanga Province had bought four French "Mystere" jet planes, which were to be air-lifted to Katanga this week from France.

Queen approves medal for Russian

London, Feb. 6.  
The Queen has approved the award of a medal to Dr. Mikhail Somov, Russia's greatest polar explorer. The Royal Geographical Society said today Dr. Somov, who led the first Soviet expedition to Antarctica five years ago, has been awarded its Patron's Medal. The Queen is the Society's Patron.

Dr. Somov, currently deputy director of the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute at Leningrad, made history in 1955-56 by drifting for 378 days on an ice floe around the North Pole.—AP.

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The club, formed by men from the New Zealand Antarctic supply ship Endeavour, is losing its balls to skua gulls, which are mistaking them for eggs and carrying them away.—Reuter.

Water cascaded down a 12-story Shaukiwan building as fireman fought a blaze on a top-floor plastics factory today.

About \$40,000 worth of raw materials and plastic products were damaged but there were no casualties.

An accident in a stove for drying plastic beads was said to have been the cause of the fire. An explosion occurred at about 11:50 am.

The factory was 27-29 Factory-street. When the alarm went off more than 30 workers on the premises scrambled for safety.

The fire-brigade tried to use an extension ladder in Church-street and ascend the west wing of the building to take fire hoses up to the same level as the burning factory.

By 12:45 pm the fire was brought under control but flames kept playing hoses on the top floor from the neighbouring building.

Seven fire engines and two ambulances arrived on the scene.

Mr. J. W. Gorman, Chief Fire Officer, conducted the fire fighting.

Castro seizes U.S. base water supply

Havana, Feb. 5.  
The Fidel Castro Government today seized the water company supplying the US Guantanamo naval base.

The Government took over the Calmanera Aqueduct Company, which is the main source of fresh water to Guantanamo, but no attempt has so far been made to close the pipes.

The U.S. Navy has said it would counter any such move by forcing it from Guantanamo by bringing in water by tanker.—UPI.

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Search for missing seamen

Tokyo, Feb. 6.  
The Danish ship Laust Maersk was a complete loss at the bottom of Tokyo Bay today and the American vessel Alcoa Pioneer was docked and taking water and unloading at Yokohama after a collision last evening.

One Danish seaman was known to be dead and three others were missing from the Laust Maersk.

All four of the Danish ship's passengers and 40 of the crew were saved.

The ships were in collision in the crook of the bay channel halfway up Tokyo Bay with the Laust Maersk incoming and the Alcoa Pioneer outgoing.

Rescue boats were on the scene fast, but found only floating oil and rafts carrying the survivors.

The Japanese Maritime Safety Board said at the same time that six patrol boats were looking for the three missing Japanese.

Japanese sources later reported one member of the crew had died in hospital in Yokohama, bringing the total of known or reported casualties to one confirmed dead, one reported dead without official confirmation and three missing.

The injured man who was reported dead in hospital had lost one leg and suffered extensive bruises.—Reuter.

AVALANCHES IN ALPS KILL EIGHT

Turin, Feb. 5.  
A series of avalanches, triggered by rising temperatures, struck throughout the Alps today, killing at least eight persons.

10 CLIMBERS SAVED

London, Feb. 5.  
Rescue workers today succeeded in saving ten climbers, including three injured people trapped in an avalanche in the central gully at Great End, a 2,984 foot peak north of Scafell Pike, Cumberland.

None of the injured climbers was seriously hurt.

The party was trapped by an avalanche which covered a 150-foot wide area, in a remote section of the country one of the wildest parts of the rugged Lake District.

Rescue workers digging through snow and rock under dangerous conditions, fought against time to get the trapped climbers out before nightfall.

The Keswick mountain rescue team and the Ulswater Outward Bound School team were called out, as well as experienced climbers in the area.

Police and ambulances went to Keswick near Keswick, to help.—AP.

Only about 100

There were only about 100 people living in the village; the houses are scattered, and heating is difficult. Commissioner Planazzi explained that by custom the inhabitants who winter in the hamlet gather, at least to sleep, in three or four larger houses and barns, where livestock is also kept. There they are able to keep warm.

And they were there in the few spared buildings when the avalanche struck the rest of the village.—UPI & AP.

DIGGING OUT IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 5.  
Bright sunshine bathed New York today as the city dug itself out of the heaviest snowfall here since 1947—17.4 inches in 28 hours.

More than 70 deaths have been attributed to the storm throughout the northeast United States, and weather officials warned that more snow may be heading this way.

Squads of men spent a crisp, clear night clearing runways at the city's three airports, and officials hoped that Idlewild, where a total of 200 flights were canceled, would be reopened later today.

The snow stopped at 5 pm yesterday but traffic is still all but paralyzed. Mayor Robert Wagner has banned all private cars from the 6,000 miles of streets to enable emergency or public services to get through.—Reuter.

400 snowbound

Grenoble, Feb. 5.  
A total of 400 persons—passengers in nine buses and 20 private cars were snowbound in the French Alps tonight by a double avalanche.

Nobody was injured, but it has so far been impossible to evacuate the blocked travellers.

Later, a large-scale rescue operation opened the way for the blocked passengers, just before a new avalanche cut off the road again.

About ten snowploughs, groups of gendarmes, and mountain rescue squads worked together to release the travellers.—AP.



# Weekly survey of American economy

## DOMESTIC ILLS STRESSED

### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$3,000,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Price
1HK Bank	1775	1780	180 @ 1770
1HK	1775	1780	2 @ 1775
1HK	1775	1780	220 @ 1780

Lombard	44	1500 @ 75
Wharf	282	200 @ 75
Taikee	75	75 @ 12.10

Wheelock	12.10	12.20	1000 @ 12.10
1HK Dock	120	130	200 @ 12.10
1HK	120	130	200 @ 12.10

Provident	27.20	27.15	100 @ 27.20
1HK Hotel	40	40 1/2	100 @ 40 1/2
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## Some Kennedy measures stir up controversy

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At the moment the economic directives of the Kennedy administration stress the domestic ills rather than those of an international nature, although the emphasis may shift any moment. In the first weeks of his administration, President Kennedy has probably given more attention to foreign issues in general, but in the field of economy he reversed the order this past week. On the face of it, domestic economic problems deserved this priority.

From the outset, Kennedy has given the impression that he considers the international balance of payments position of the United States, although not appreciably improved in 1960 over the record unfavorable year of 1959, more yielding to solution than the immediate economic situation in the United States itself. Hence the revocation of President Eisenhower's controversial ban on sending dependents of military personnel overseas; and the reorganization of international payments to second place until after the domestic medicine has been prescribed.

### 'PRESCRIPTION'

The "prescription" contained in a special message to Congress on Thursday, was a balanced mixture of palliatives and stimulants: on one hand measures aimed at immediate financial relief to the unemployed and to the distressed areas of the land; including a food stamp plan that has not been used in this country since the early days of Roosevelt's New Deal; on the other, pumping priming steps, designed to quicken the circulation of the economic bloodstream, speed up public projects, lower interest on Federal-insured housing mortgages, lower interest on loans to public administration bodies for various construction purposes. Following closely on Monday's State of the Union message, which in itself was a downscaling of the administration's assessment of the nation's economy, Thursday's measures are ones which will require congressional approval—were bound to stir up controversy.

Conservative business circles feel Kennedy is trying to push the economy upwards—some-

thing they are convinced the economy would do on its own within a few months anyhow—in his quest for economic growth. These circles have begun to warn Kennedy against pursuing growth for growth's sake, say, an annual growth of more than 3.5 per cent which Kennedy—as he has indicated in the past—considers desirable.

One of their arguments is that unless there is an overall expansion of the market, there would be little point in growth in, say, the steel industry. They point out it would be very easy for steel to double its present output if the car manufacturers increased their production proportionately, and if the highway construction programme was speeded up in turn. This is just one segment of possible growth, they say, and at the first turn it already has bogged down in too many ifs.

### PROBLEM

These circles admit that this may not be the best example but it gives some idea of the problem of economic growth—so-called normal versus so-called induced. And the present situation in the steel and car industries seems to bear out their argument. STEEL: Last week's output declined after a slight three-week rebound from the industry's year-end curtailments. Output dropped to 1,466,000 tons, down 2.5 per cent from the preceding week. Outlook for February is at about the same pace of steel output as in January.

CARS: Assemblies in January fell to 114,498 units, down 2.5 per cent from a year ago and the lowest January output since 1952. Current production rates indicate a February output of 350,000 assemblies. And unless the industry grows in the next few weeks, first quarter output is expected to dip to between 1,300,000 and 1,400,000 units, well under the two million built in the first quarter of 1960 and close to the recession level of 1959.

### FEAR OF INFLATION

The chief argument against Kennedy's program is the fear of inflation. At this point there is no way of telling just how inflationary his programme may be. It is at all, yet the suspicion of inflationary growth is enough to make the stock market react very favourably to what would ordinarily be taken for distressing economic measures—the State of the Union and the subsequent economic measures. The stocks were even momentarily dampened by announcement that first estimates of the balance of payments deficit of the U.S. in 1960 amounted to \$3,800 million, about the same as the 1959 record total. These figures, if confirmed later, meant that whatever the U.S. gained in increased exports, it lost again through a higher rate of gold outflow, some \$1,700 million during 1960.

The confidence of the markets was also strengthened by the fact that company earnings reports, which the previous week seemed gloomy, have this past week turned out better than expected. Among the steels, where earnings losses were predicted, there were some gains, among the big ones, such as U.S. Steel and Bethlehem. Blue chips such as General Motors, Standard Oil and International Business Machines naturally did not fail to gain.

### Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unlisted exchange market this morning at the following rates: Sterling notes (per £1) 15.24 Australian notes (per £1) 12.70 Indian Rupees (per 100) 89.25 Singapore (Straits) 1.20

### Income increases

New York, Feb. 5. Mellon Dodge Corporation reported net income for 1960 rose to an estimated \$36 million or \$3.00 per share from \$33.5 million or \$2.80 per share a year ago—China Mail Special.

## NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 5. Cotton futures ended the week on a firm note, ending on an indecisively mixed situation.

With new crop months edging into new seasonal highs on the upswing the market closed the period net unchanged to up 15 points, or unchanged to 75 cents a bale higher than the preceding week.

Firmness was imparted by a resumption of outside commission house buying in the new crop months, supposedly based on possibilities for a higher government support on the next crop. The mid-January parity price report, on which the new loan rate will be based, showed a rise of 33 points to 36.83 cents a pound, although some traders expected an even greater increase.

### LOAN RATE

Traders guessed as to where the loan rate would be placed ranged from 75 to 85 per cent of parity.

Evening-up operations in the March delivery, anticipating first notice day on February 21, dominated activities in the near-by months. Open contracts in March at the weekend ended approximately 73,000 bales.

The certificated stock on Friday totalled 40,770 bales, with an additional 3,573 bales awaiting inspection.

New cotton exports for the season through January 31 as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange, totalled 3,245,838 bales against 3,268,457 bales shipped for the same period last season.

—UPI.

### Unit trust

First Hongkong Fund  
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## The hire-purchase business is booming in Malaya

By Gordon Hung

Singapore, (By Airmail). "Never-never" buying in Malaya has finally come of age. Today, a person can acquire practically anything he wants, from a house to a foam rubber mattress if he has the money for the usually modest "deposit."

Although nobody has compiled exact figures, since the company officials estimate that Malaya (and they include Singapore) today owe anything from M\$200 million to M\$350 million to the hire-purchase companies.

Although "never-never" buying was not unknown before the war, it is only after the war that the Malayan public began acquiring the habit.

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The society had about \$500,000 out in housing loans 10 years ago. Today the figure is over the \$15 million mark. Saying that "more and more people will be buying on hire-purchase," Mr. Chee attributed this to the changing pattern of family life.

In the past, he said people even after they were grown-up, and had families of their own, continued to live with their parents.

### BIGGEST LENDER

"Today, everybody likes to live by himself with his own family. This has been one of the biggest contributors to the sale of houses, especially two-bedroom houses," he added.

The biggest lender in the Malayan hire-purchase business is the Malayan Finance Building Society which began operations 10 years ago. It had lent out \$40 million in the 10 years of its life but had to stop lending in 1957. However, this year, it expects to put out another \$35 million

## Wall Street stocks register gains in heavy trading

New York, Feb. 5.

The letters "JFK" were as popular this past week as any ticker symbol on the big board. The image of President Kennedy loomed on a tape crammed with higher prices and booming volume.

Handing on every word the President spoke—from the State of the Union message to his economic report to Congress—traders bid up their favourites to the highest levels since last June and notched their sixth consecutive weekly gain on average.

The buying enthusiasm resulted in the heaviest trading volume since the week of October 17, 1959. Implicit in the Kennedy pronouncements, according to most observers, was the old excuse for buying stocks—inflation.

There were other market analysts, however, who conceded being confused by the market's surge in the face of such gloomy news as heavy inventories of unsold cars, low steel production and sheer disregard of such fundamentals as profits.

### PROFIT-TAKING

At any rate, the more cautious Wall Streeters were heard from more loudly by the weekend as the Kennedy "confidence index" appeared on the want and profit-taking showed up in many sections of the list.



## 'Gipsy QC' threatens judge

London, Feb. 5. A judge said in the Court of Criminal Appeal that he had been threatened with a curse if he did not read every word of 32 closely-written pages submitted by a man who described himself as "the only Gipsy QC".

"I have had to read every word," said Mr Justice Hilbery. "It appears to me that it is more likely that I have already suffered from a curse or I would not have to read such nonsense."

The judge, who sat with two other judges, went on:

"He says he is the only Gipsy QC and the chief Gipsy Detective Sergeant of Kent; that he is a numerologist (student of the occult significance of numbers); and that the police sergeant in the case is a reincarnation of the Egyptian executioner who buried children alive."

### TRIAL BY ORDEAL

"That he is entitled to trial by ordeal, which has now been abolished; and that he is entitled to remain an outlaw under the statutes of praemunire (framed centuries ago to stop papal presentation of aliens to English church benefices)."

With these remarks the court refused an application by Malcolm Donald Henryman, 35, for leave to appeal against a conviction for stealing women's underclothing from a washing line and breaking into a store with intent to steal. He had been sentenced to 18 months' jail.—China Mail Special.

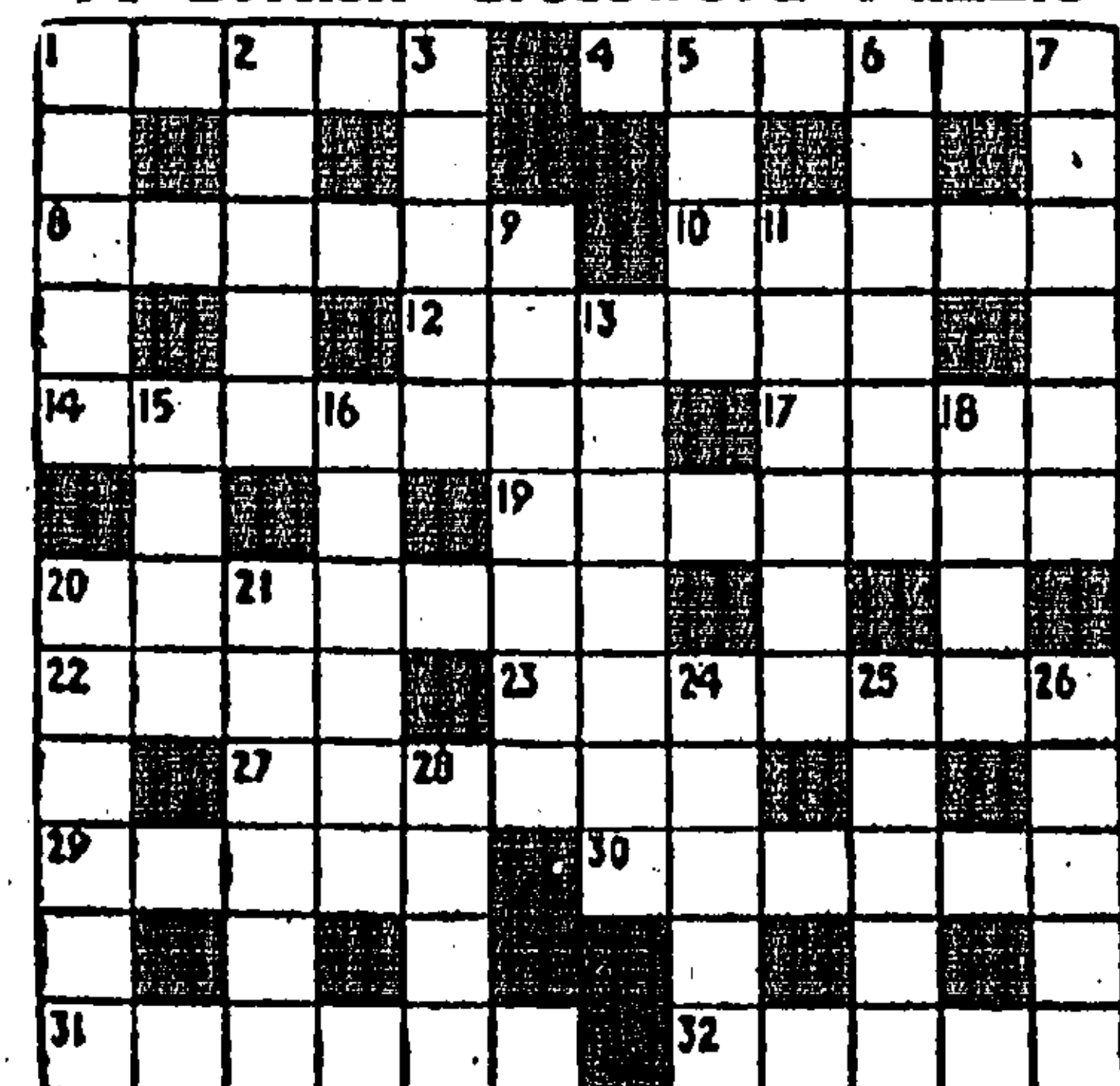
## Ancient wall of Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Feb. 5. An ancient wall, believed to be part of the walls of the biblical city of Jerusalem, built about two thousand years ago by King Herod the Great, has been discovered accidentally by workers digging a school foundation, it was learned today.

The workers came across a boulder six feet underground several days ago, and, thinking it an ordinary loose rock, started chipping away at it. Two hours later they saw it was part of a buried wall.

The Antiquities Department immediately took over the excavation. Eighty feet of the wall, which stands six feet high, has already been excavated, and work is still going on.—AFP.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Berry follows Jimmy very often. (5)
  - Like athletes' shoes. (6)
  - Behaves pigishly. (6)
  - Name of some insect repellent. (5)
  - Bungalow type. (6)
  - Doesn't drop the songs. (7)
  - Dimensional demarcation. (4)
  - Oil base. (7)
  - Choral work. (7)
  - Shouldn't we include a clue here? (4)
  - Till the end of time. (7)
  - Painful reason for my churlishness. (6)
  - Bears, perhaps, dangerous. (6)
  - In which everyone counts. (6)
  - Practice president. (6)
  - Tulle. (6)
- DOWN**
- Careful reasoning. (5)
  - Haggard-looking. (6)
  - Nick added to the score. (5)
  - Outside left usually. (4)
  - Popular Scottish soldier. (6)
  - Had a bush? (6)
  - McCartan, maybe. (7)
  - Man of property. (6)
  - Continental, in a sense. (7)
  - Faith? (4)
  - Implement in a boat. (6)
  - Modern scientific apparatus in short. (4)
  - Undercurrent. (6)
  - Agile. (6)
  - Put right. (5)
  - Twangy. (6)
  - Full-throated. (5)
  - Reverse, perhaps. (4)

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3 Pressman, 8 Null, 9 Blanche, 11 Long, 15 Pole, 16 Stranger, 18 Kircorne, 19 Fred, 21 Strength, 25 Death hat, 26 Cain, 27 Yielding, 28 Swan, 1 Anil, 2 Clair, 4 Hole, 5 Seal, 6 Man-do, 7 Nerve, 8 Stunt, 10 Rider, 12 Outer, 14 Limit, 16 Girih, 17 Reset, 19 Dobby, 20 Erase, 21 Shed, 22 Rulin, 23 Coast, 24 Lump.

# RUSSIANS KEEP SILENT OVER PROGRESS OF GIANT SPUTNIK

Moscow, Feb. 5. Russia has now been silent for 24 hours on the progress of the new six-and-a-half ton sputnik and on whether it is carrying living creatures.

## World War I poison gas poses disposal problem

Essen, Feb. 5. A quantity of poison gas dating from World War I—enough to kill thousands of people—has been unearthed in a construction yard here, it was learned today.

The yard was set up over a former munitions factory after experts had said the ground presented "no more danger".

Builders, however, uncovered glass bottles without labels filled with a greenish substance which analysis proved to be mustard gas and asphyxiating gases used in World War I.

A workman who pulled about 40 of the bottles from a pit was suffering from itching and a smarting sensation in the eyes.

**IMPOSSIBLE**  
Order was given at once to seal the 700 bottles in a slab of concrete but heavy rain made it impossible to make the concrete.

Moreover, the flow of rain-water threatened to cause the poison gas to infiltrate underground water reserves. In dry weather it was feared the sun might cause the deadly gases to vapourise.

Experts have so far found no satisfactory solution to the problem of disposing of the bottled gases.—AFP.

## Special petrol cheques

Paris, Feb. 5. A French bank here announced it would issue special petrol cheques "to thwart gangsters" and enable motorists to pay at filling stations without using cash.

A wave of filling-station holdups in France has caused station operators to keep their tills clear of money and motorists have been warned to tender the exact money because change may not be available.—Reuters.

## THE QUEEN VISITS QUETTA COLLEGE

Quetta, Feb. 5. The Queen spent almost five hours in the air today so that she could pay a two-and-a-half hour visit to the famous Pakistani army town of Quetta.

Her visit, originally scheduled for yesterday, was cancelled because of heavy snowfalls. But rather than disappoint the people of Quetta the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh interrupted their visit to Peshawar today to fly the 1,500 miles to Quetta and back.

Sixty thousand people stood in heavy snow to cheer the Royal visitors as they drove into Quetta and Royal officials said the trouble the Queen had taken to fulfil her engagement had made a deep impression.

**STAFF COLLEGE**  
The Queen and the Duke visited Quetta Staff College where they saw exercise books used by illustrious former students, including four field marshals—Viscount Montgomery, Viscount Slim, Sir Claude Auchinleck and President Mohammed Ayub Khan of Pakistan.

They also met about 40 tribal chieftains and two of the leading sirdars—representing the Baluch and Pushtun-speaking tribesmen—read addresses of welcome and symbolically presented the visitors with two sheep—one white and black and white—as a gesture of hospitality.—Reuters.

### Priority

Offenbach, Feb. 5. Only three of 38 children in a school class here have their own toothbrush, but 30 of them have a television set at home, according to a survey published here.—Reuters.

## LORD GRANVILLE WANTS A BAN Sunday drink starts a row between north and south Hebrideans

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The inhabitants of South Uist (pop. 3,235) are Roman Catholics and prefer a slightly more "continental" Sunday.

Another difference is that the North Island's Lochmaddy Hotel—also owned by the Queen's cousin—is the only bar on the islands with a licence to serve drink on Sundays.

### Signal heard

Professor John Sharp, a language professor at Texas Western College who is a "ham" radio operator, said at El Paso, Texas, that when he picked up radio signals from the sputnik last night he heard a rhythmic musical tone "more like a man's breathing than anything else" and a faster measured sound like a man's pulse.

At Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, Professor A. C. B. Lovell, director of the radio telescope, said the absence of published details from Russia about the new space-ship might be because it was a Russian reconnaissance satellite.

Alternatively, he said, it was intended to be a "really giant sputnik packed with scientific instrumentation," but something had gone wrong, and the Russians were not saying much about it. "It is said to be compatible with failure of the signals," he declared.

A third alternative was that something dramatic was still to happen, and there was some form of organism in the space-ship which the Russians intended to bring back to earth in the very near future.

### Worried

"They would not want to say anything about it until they had accomplished it," he said.

He added, "a thing that worries me is that one does not go to this tremendous enterprise of putting six and a half tons in orbit without having some specific purpose."

Soviet scientists, although obviously very much concerned with the race to get a man into space, have said this will not be done until a space-ship has been returned to earth.

Of three Russian space-ships sent up last year, each weighing four and a half tons, two burned up and the other returned safely.

### Far greater

The Tass science correspondent said today that another extremely important stage had been passed in the Soviet programme to create inter-planetary ships.

The fact that the weight of the new sputnik exceeded by almost two tons the weight of sputniks launched before was a success of Soviet rocket construction, he said. The increase in the power of rockets had to be proportionally far greater than the increase in weight.—Reuters.

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## Three killed in cafe

Paris, Feb. 5. A grenade thrown by an Algerian exploded in a Paris cafe today, injuring two people.

Two North Africans and a Frenchman were killed and three people seriously injured last night when two masked gunmen raked a cafe near Paris with machinegun fire. Two Algerians were shot dead in Lens, northern France last night.—Reuters.

## FAME CAME TO JACKIE CHAN

London, Feb. 5. The trouble with actress Jackie Chan is that Antony Armstrong-Jones usually gets into the act.

The five-foot Eurasian beauty today was quoted in a newspaper interview as saying that she owes many stage, screen and recording offers to being the former favourite model of the photographer who married Princess Margaret.

"I feel as though I've got a sign round my neck, it's always Jackie Chan, the actress who was once the friend of..." Miss Chan said.

"I feel I haven't a personality of my own any more. People forget, you know, that I've done six stage shows in the past seven years."

"They talk about me as though things only began to happen after all that publicity."

### SECONDARY ROLE

She was an almost unnoticed personality. One of Tony's shots of her adorned a full page in his book of London photographs. She had a secondary role in the London company of the play "The World of Suzie Wong" but all that is changed.

The management hung a star on her dressing room door the night the engagement was announced. Jackie was given a movie queen's publicity during the Royal wedding.

Since then, her London nightclub appearances have packed them in, but Jackie thinks the customers came to see the girl whom Tony liked. She wants to get away from it all.

Miss Chan leaves for Australia shortly to star in a road company of "Suzie Wong." "I am hoping so much that by going away I shall get people to look at me in different light," she said. Miss Chan said the publicity possibly hurt her career.

"I think, quite honestly, that because of all the publicity, I'm going to need more talent than I have just an obscure Eurasian actress," she said.—UPI.

### Oran incident

Oran, Feb. 2. Cars were stoned today in two incidents in Oran's Moslem quarter, but in both cases the occupants were able to escape. The first car to be attacked this morning was driven by a school mistress. In the second car were a Post Office official and his wife.—AFP.

## Little progress noted in Anglo-French trade talks

Bonn, Feb. 5. Mr Harold Macmillan made little concrete progress on the problem of British association with the European Common Market in his private talks with President de Gaulle a week ago, according to usually reliable sources here.

A personal letter from the Prime Minister to Dr Konrad Adenauer, received during the week, is understood to reflect this lack of success in a summary of the Rambouillet discussions.

The West German Chancellor is to pay a visit to General de Gaulle on February 9 and will go to London to see Mr Macmillan on February 22.

**SURPRISED**  
The sources said expectations that the French leader would agree to expert discussions between British and French officials as a first step to bridging the growing gap between the "six" and "seven" trade groups had not been fulfilled.

Nevertheless, it is still expected that such discussions will eventually take place. Anglo-German talks along these lines were held after Mr Macmillan's visit to Bonn last August. German economic experts who recently visited Paris for informal discussions returned here surprised at the degree of French reluctance to achieve an association of the Common Market with Britain and the European Free Trade Area.

**RESISTANCE**  
The West German news agency, DPA, said today that Mr Macmillan had made "no progress" at Rambouillet towards narrowing the European trade gap. A suggestion that Britain was even ready to join the Common

## 'Dead' for 3 weeks

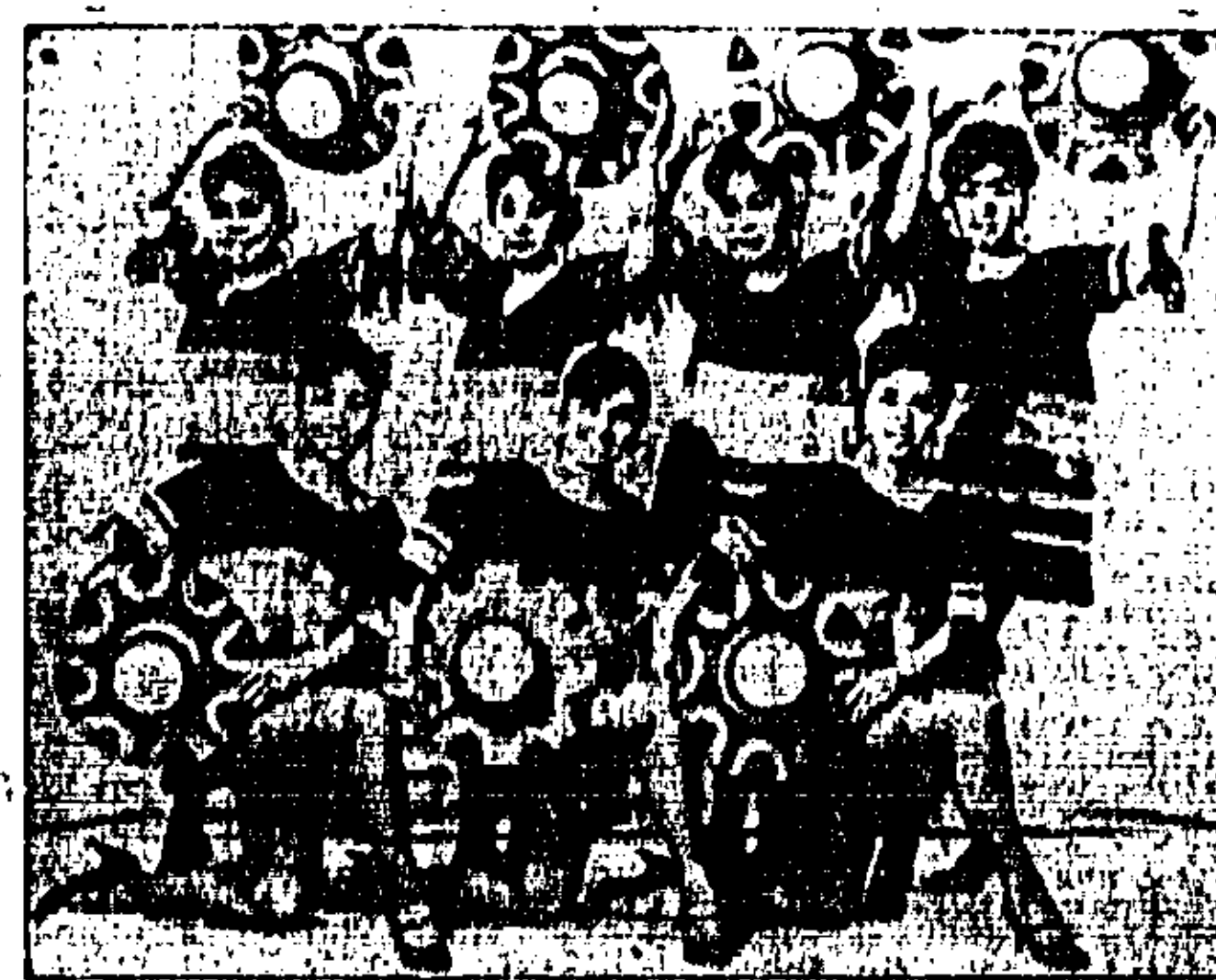
Paris, Feb. 5. A 55-year-old French woman has just learned that she has been officially "dead" for three weeks. When Mrs J. Tronieu asked for a copy of her birth certificate officials told her their record showed that her body had been pulled from the River Seine on January 13 and identified by papers found on it and by a friend.—Reuters.

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STRIKE THREAT  
OVER PILOT**

London, Feb. 5.  
British European Airways today faced the threat of an unprecedented strike by pilots over the dismissal of Capt. James Thain, blamed by the Germans for the Munich air crash in which 23 people were killed three years ago.

Ballot forms went out this weekend to 750 BEA pilots asking if they are willing to stage a 24-hour protest strike. The result will be known in about three weeks.

The action was taken by the British Airlines Pilots Association, which demands that Capt. Thain should either be reinstated or compensated by the airline.

**Anniversary**

A 24-hour strike would ground about 400 BEA flights in Britain and between London and every major city in Europe. The probable loss to BEA would be more than £250,000.

Tomorrow is the third anniversary of the disaster. A BEA Elizabethan aircraft carrying members of the Manchester United soccer team home from Belgrade, crashed on take-off at Munich.

A German inquiry blamed the crash on the wings—which was the pilot's responsibility.

Capt. Thain maintained that the accident was the result of snow slush on the runway—an airport responsibility.—AP.

**Astrid returns home**

London, Feb. 5.  
Hatless, the wind snatching at her hair, Princess Astrid of Norway flew home to Oslo today with her husband, John Martin Farnor, after a quiet holiday in Britain—part of their honeymoon.

As on their arrival in London, no one except senior airline officials was warned in advance of the couple's departure.

An airport suite, unused all day, had to be unlocked hurriedly when Scandinavian Airlines told airport officials of the couple's travel plan less than an hour before the plane was due to take off.

Said one airport official: "We understand the couple were very pleased the way they were allowed to enjoy their stay in Britain quietly."—AP.

**A penny—worth of TV**

Luton, Feb. 5.  
An unemployed man waited all through the night outside a shop here to buy a television set shown in the window for one penny.

When the shop opened the enthusiastic Mr John McCormick received a 17-inch model in working order.

More than 60 people were waiting when the doors opened to buy old stock of radio and television sets from one half-penny.—Reuter.

**Danish effort to reduce air crashes**

Copenhagen, Feb. 5.  
Denmark is to try to cut the risk of air crashes in densely populated zones by rerouting airline traffic away from city areas, it was announced here.

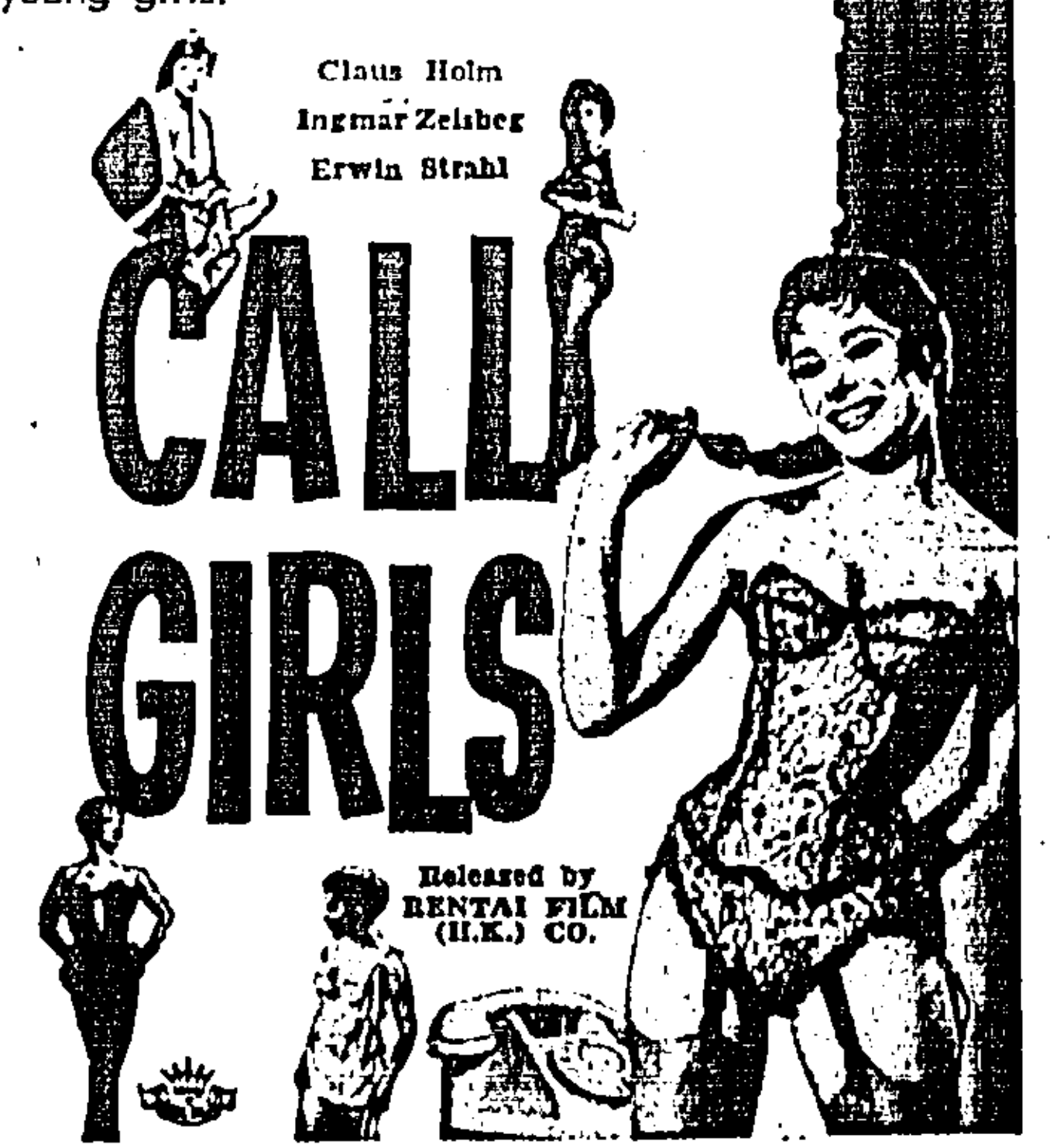
Mr Hans Jensen, newly-appointed head of the Danish Civil Aviation Board, who made the announcement, said it was felt such a move was possible.—Reuter.

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**Call for strike to greet base ship**

Glasgow, Feb. 5.  
Mr Dan McGarvey, President of the British Ballroom-dancers' Society, called on Glasgow Trade Unionists here today to stage a walkout in every workshop when the United States Polaris submarine depot ship Protalus was sighted in the Clyde.

"There can be no compromise with Polaris," he declared. "Polaris is death."

Mr McGarvey, a member of the Labour Party National Executive, was addressing a meeting to protest against the establishment of the Polaris Base at Holy Loch in the Clyde.

He said that if the new Labour Party defence policy statement, now being drawn up, tried to justify Polaris, "then it should be defeated overwhelmingly by the Labour Party."

"Make no mistake about it," he added, "there are those in very high positions in the Labour Party in favour of Polaris."—Reuter.

**ORIANA GIVEN BIG WELCOME**

San Francisco, Feb. 5.  
Forty pleasure yachts and fire boats jettling columns of water high in the air in greeting welcomed the new British liner Oriana as she steamed beneath the Golden Gate Bridge here today on her maiden voyage.

The 41,000-ton liner, biggest passenger ship to sail beneath the Golden Gate, was greeted by a huge crowd as she docked with 1,603 passengers, and vantage points on the shores of San Francisco Bay were packed with sightseers.

"Tomorrow — proclaimed 'Oriana Day' by the City Council—the city's Chamber of Commerce, the British-American Chamber of Commerce, the Marine Exchange, and the World Trade Association are giving a civic luncheon in honour of the liner."—Reuter.

**Dr Ramsey calls for disarmament**

Sheffield, Feb. 5.  
Dr Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of York and next Archbishop of Canterbury, called for general disarmament here today.

"The existence of Nuclear weapons has in the last decade probably had the effect of preventing a general war from breaking out," Dr Ramsey said. Answering questions from a student at an Anglican church rally organised by Sheffield University he said he believed nuclear weapons had acted as a general deterrent—"a force for peace."

"But it is very dangerous to go on relying on such a deterrent and the only answer is general disarmament," he declared.

"But it must be a general disarmament — not only with

**Top charwoman****'MRS MOP' TAKES THE SALUTE**

Leeds, Feb. 5.  
The British Army's top charwoman took the salute at her first parade today with a military band blaring, a marchpast by 200 men and a general at her side.

For 54 years, Mrs Kitty Brushwood has applied her limited muscle power to putting a gleam on barrack room floors. But today was the army's turn to put a gleam on life for the little woman known to the army as "our Mrs Mop."

Mrs Brushwood was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) by the Queen in her new year's honours list. The citation complimented her "faithful and zealous services" and said her cheerfulness had helped generations of soldiers.

**Special parade**

But it was Mrs Brushwood's own regiment—the 7th Leeds Rifle Battalion of the Territorial Army (Volunteer Reserve)—who decided to honour her like a war hero.

A special parade was called to present the medal, and with colours flying, a band playing and weapons smartly at the slope, the 200 men marched past on a parade ground scrubbed as cleanly as one of Mrs Brushwood's floors.

**'Proud day'**

Beside her, the right arm of Maj. Gen. Lord Thurlow, GOC 50th Northumbrian Division, rose in rigid salute.

The General told the troops: "This is a proud day for Mrs Brushwood and I am sure a proud day for you men—because you look upon her as a member of your regiment."

Then Lord Thurlow pinned the medal on the lapel of Mrs Brushwood's smart grey top coat.

"Thank you very much sir," she said.

One last honour awaited her. She was invited to the officer's mess not to scrub the floor, but to drink a glass of port with the general.—AP.

**Guitar chimes**

Cordoba, Feb. 5.  
A clock which strikes the hours with guitar notes instead of bell strokes has been installed at the Jose Antonio Square in Cordoba, Southern Spain.—Reuter.

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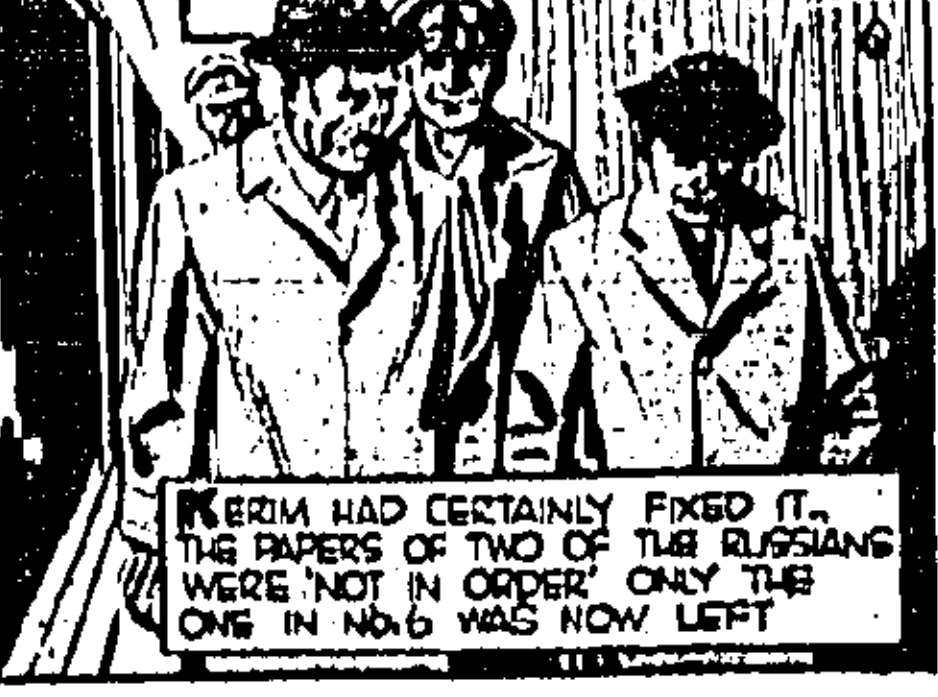


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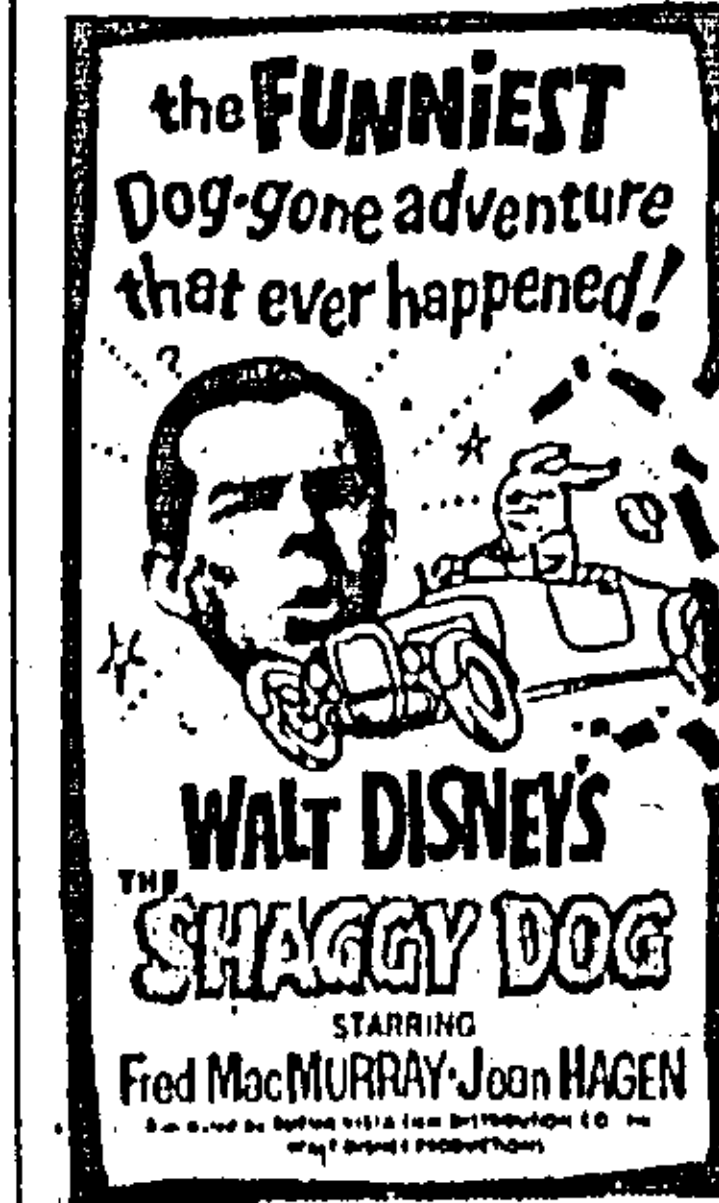
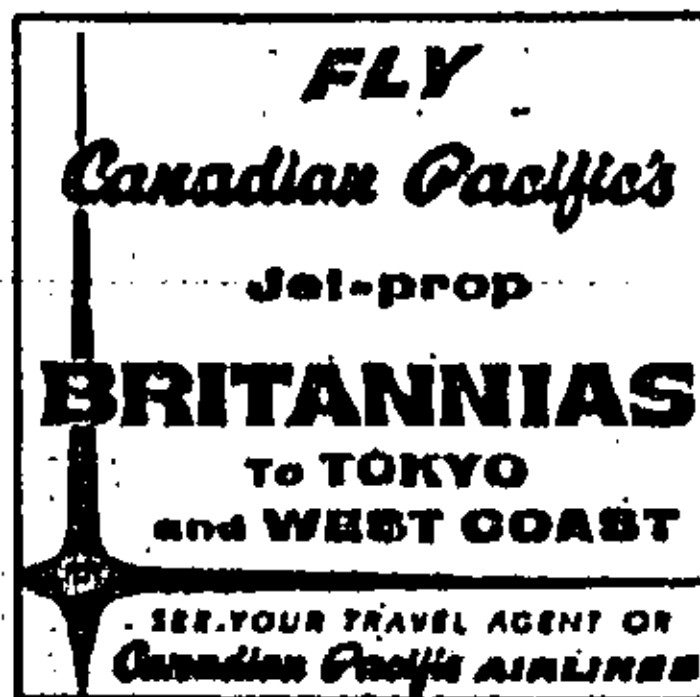
AT A WAYSIDE STATION



KERRY HAD CERTAINLY FIXED IT...



THE PAPERS OF TWO OF THE RUSSIAN WERE NOT IN ORDER. ONLY THE ONE IN NO. 6 WAS NOW LEFT



WALT DISNEY'S  
**SHAGGY DOG**  
STARRING  
Fred MacMURRAY • Joan HAGEN  
A Walt Disney Production



ON THE DREAM ISLAND OF THE PACIFIC I SEE THEM REMAKING MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY

# Brando picks a hula girl

HE SAW THE FISHERMAN'S  
DAUGHTER  
DANCE—AND  
NOW SHE'S  
DOOMED  
TO FAME



From  
**ALAN GARDNER**  
TAHITI.

A WAVE slides gently over the coral reef then nudges the black volcanic sand.

Beneath a coconut palm on the lagoon Marlon Brando is surrounded by 15 Tahitian beauties, their dark hair cascading to their waists, garlands of gardenia, hibiscus, and jasmine bobbing merrily as they chatter and giggle.

The actor whom Sir Carol Reed calls the most exciting in the world is remaking *Mutiny on the Bounty* and enjoying every minute.

**Brando and Tarita—latest example of his preference for the exotic...**

The 1961 Fletcher Christian has a career for one Tahitian, a kiss on each cheek, island fashion, for another, and slide: an arm around the third and loveliest Polynesian girl, a striking figure called Tarita.



Men driven to mutiny by the hardships of the sea find that it has flower-decked consolations in a tropical lagoon.

She is 19 and until a few weeks ago was living the simple life of a South Sea native on the island of Bora-Bora.

Then Brando saw her dance, and that did it.

Exercising an unusual clause in his contract the leader of the Bounty mutineers appointed her on the spot as leading lady, Maimiti. In one stroke fans assured and she is doomed to a spell of Hollywood civilisation. She speaks no English, only Tahiti French, which Brando also speaks. He is showing her how to court him.

He gestures expressively with his sensitive hands, nuzzles her raven hair, and whispers into her delicately shaped ear. This was the scene before Sir Carol Reed was taken ill and flown to Los Angeles.

He moves closer: "You are lovely." Still closer: "You are beautiful." As he is about to take her in his arms she takes his—wraths of flowers—from her shoulders and places them over Christian's head.

She kisses him, Christian responds easily. Captain Bligh sees the embrace and says irritably: "Mr Christian."

## Tom-toms

Christian hesitates a moment, draws away from Maimiti and turns to Bligh who continues: "That is the king's daughter you are with. Be careful to satisfy your lust elsewhere. Bligh will tolerate no tampering with this woman, nor will I."

Christian: "Does that mean me?" Bligh: "Acknowledge your order."

Christian: "Lust to be satisfied elsewhere. Aye, sir." End of scene.

## Favours

Now the tempo is increasing and each gyrating, flower-garlanded maiden grabs a man of her choice from the circle, and he keeps time as best he can without over touching.

Brando, hero of the native girls, watches the pulsating crowd and says: "I like their attitude. They refuse to take anything—even love—too seriously."

It is a big test, of master-craftsman Reed, making his first £4,000,000 spectacular.

Tahiti is devoted to the pursuit of pleasure. Work is not illegal but is considered a peculiar way of passing the time.

M.G.M. have made a bigger impact here than did the colonial French find the occupation disenchanted. They allege that the no-tipping rule has been broken and that hotel prices have doubled and that there are no rooms for tourists.

The local ladies are beginning to set prices on their favours.

Already an islander has been fined for writing on walls: "Go Home, M.G.M." and there are several notable liaisons between members of the unit and local beauties.

In this land the Polynesian dedication to a good time is fierce to behold. Money is unimportant. Making movies is fun, so they are pleased to co-operate, but when it becomes a bore the kindly people gently disappear.

Brando gave a dinner party, and, although millions of dollars' worth of Hollywood talent was assembled at table, the cooks deserted during the meal when they heard that a 20-year-old picture, a South Seas

favourite, was showing at the Rialto.

There is plenty to eat and drink, plenty of time to make love, lessons for swimming, no snakes or wild animals, the spiders don't bite, just eat mosquitoes, and the only threat to life is the danger of coconuts falling from the swaying palms like cannon balls.

A boy has been employed to climb them at the set to pick the most dangerous since a local was killed last week.

The big British contingent in the film meets frequently at Quinn's Bar on the waterfront and dances side by side with the Tahitian beauties and their swains around the bamboo bar while drums and steel guitars beat out a fiery hum.

Brando's protegee, Tarita, is now receiving chorm-schooling and is being taught English. She will then go to Hollywood and tour London and New York.

This fisherman's daughter has a seven-year contract, but it can be broken at the end of each year if no dusky South Sea maiden is wanted. The thoughtful here are wondering if she will recede in paradise after her big-city life.

## TOMORROW:

Bounty blazes... a desperate half-hour.



## New Bounty

Offshore is the three-masted Bounty, built for £250,000 by M.G.M., which sailed her from Nova Scotia in 28 days.

Carol Reed, portly and benevolent in a straw hat and sign suit, consults the script and signals Brando. As he comes close to her Maimiti, in Tahitian and gesturing, says: "You come along with me; we will go to a little island past the reef."

Mr Christian, half-understanding the gestures, moves closer to her. "Anything you say, anything you want."

"Of course I have a suppressor—we've been married 11 years."

"Don't you dare eat the rice pudding that's in there!—it's for your dad's supper."

"Best bait I ever used!"

"Sorry, dear, I thought this was your umbrella."

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tary and crucial problem: how to produce enough food.

In Moscow Mr Khrushchev and his Central Committee have been forced to admit, once again that their agricultural policy is in ruins. The wretched Minister, Vladimir Matskevich—who merely carried out party directives—has been ignominiously fired.

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The "shortcomings" were attributed to all sorts of causes, human and divine. Their effect could be briefly stated: not enough food was leaving the farms.

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**PAUL JOHNSON**

(London Express Service.)

# No wonder the farmers are worrying Mr K...

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# WOMANSENSE

## YOUTHFUL LINES

IN the infinite variety and variations of the fashion world there is scope for the designer with years of accumulated experience and for the newcomer with initiative and ideas. Today young designers are helping to change the face of fashion.

In London many new styles begin in Belgrave and Chelsea rather than in Mayfair. They attract the "smart young set" who are ready to adopt extreme lines while avoiding "beatnik" modes.

An elegant designer is Belinda Bellville, who has tackled almost every aspect of fashion, including writing and photography. She began her design career by concentrating on debutantes but now has a clientele which includes such international names as Elizabeth Arden. Her clients like her flair for shape and line, her use of outstanding wool fabrics, her lack of fussiness.

### On tour

Twenty-two-year-old Mary Morrison, chosen as lady-in-waiting by the Queen for her current tour, selected a wardrobe from Miss Bellville's designs. It includes a pink featherweight wool suit with a peg top skirt and a short jacket with cut-on sleeves. Channel seam runs through the pockets, and an overblouse turns the suit into a three-piece. A new "narrow" soft white wool coat is another item in the wardrobe.

by JEAN WISEMAN

Miss Bellville believes in making fabrics work—using, for example, an almost transparent navy wool with novelty white check, and pleating the skirt so that each pleat is white striped.

Oyer in Chelsea, Kiki Byrne has established a reputation for her smart Chelsea look. She designs and manufactures models for her own shop.

She is usually a year or so ahead of the trend and has been featuring long waists and easy-fit bodices for some time. She has now moved from the "grey flannel" era into brown and muted beige-brown. Flannel skirts have a flared or pleated look.

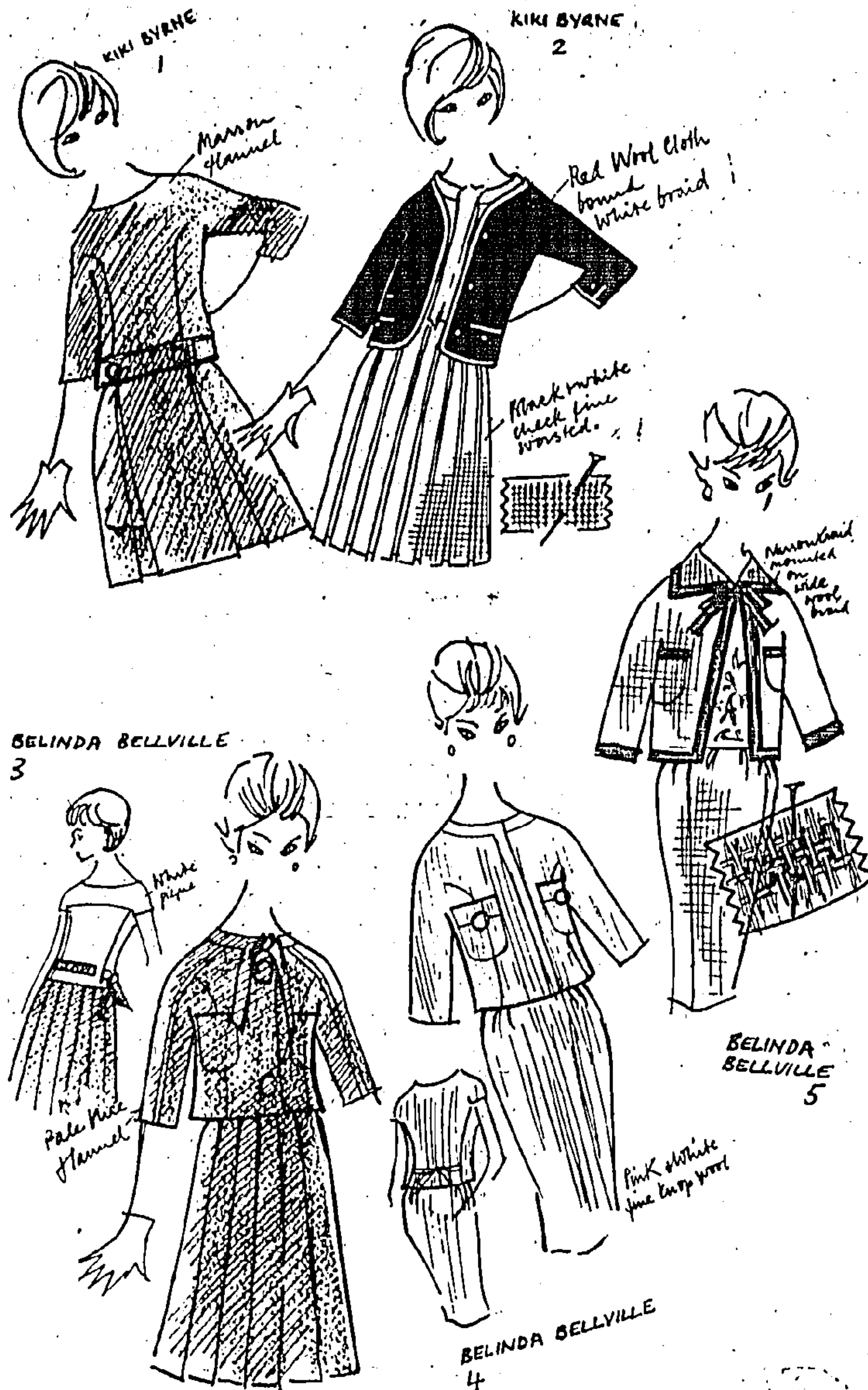
probably make elegant dress-and-jacket teams for "anyone from 18 to 45".

Mrs Byrne says: "Sophisticated but simple clothes suit a wide age group. 'Gimmicky' clothes are only worthwhile if they are cheap and can be discarded quickly."

### Accurately

Her feat is to produce individual clothes in quality materials at really economic prices. Her personal touch—like Belinda Bellville's—is unmistakable in every garment.

Today's young designers have their fingers accurately on the pulse of present fashion, especially as it applies to young people and young marrieds. They are guiding a new generation (as well as many of the older) into seeking the best both in fabrics and fashions.



TOP LEFT: 1. New flared line with low waistline, easy bodice and cut-on sleeves. In brown or brown and beige flannel. (KIKI BYRNE). 2. A "Chanel type" outfit with new flared skirt in fine black and white checked worsted, red soft wool blazer, bound with black-wool braid and white blouse. (KIKI BYRNE).

LOWER LEFT: Ensemble in new pale blue lightweight flannel. The pleated skirt, tie collar jacket with seamed sleeves and other features indicate the advanced trends of our young designers. (BELINDA BELLVILLE).

CENTRE: Outfit designed for Miss Mary Morrison lady-in-waiting on the current Royal tour. In finest pink and white wool, the skirt is cut with a slight peg top effect. The collarless jacket has channel seam running through the high pockets. The blouse beneath has small cut-on cap sleeves. (BELINDA BELLVILLE).

RIGHT: Open weave beige wool makes an outstanding suit with narrow self-coloured wool braid mounted on wider braid for the neat and firm edging. (BELINDA BELLVILLE).

It's sheer LUXURY from Balmain...and such colour!

From BARBARA GRIGGS

Paris.

AFTER Pierre Cardin's fiery, pace-setting collection, Pierre Balmain's show was a reversion to the pure classical opulence of the Place Vendôme...like going to Drury Lane after a blistering session at the Royal Court Theatre.

These clothes seemed destined for some unimaginable life of wealth, luxury and splendour—as, of course, they all are.

Journalists diverted themselves during the show by guessing for which royal client a particular dress was designed. (Balmain sometimes gives the same away with names like Fete a Isabell).

Line is never the most important point with Balmain. But once more there were lean little suits with classic jackets and very straight skirts, made to show off the wonderful slenderness which gracing occasions at Elizabeth Arden's have given a girl.

silk with a great hugging cape of white mink?

Other spectacular sights: a full-length satin coat in peacock-green, lined with thick lace encrusted with ribbon, embroidered, flung over a full-length dress....

### LONG COAT

A long full coat of pale mink with a great hugging cape of white mink?

Balmain showed a linen redingote in vivid sky-blue over a linen sheath in lettuce-green with a tiny sky-blue tie. Lettuce-green and all the most vivid blues were today's racing colours, but there were masses of white, raspberry-pink and pale-pink as well.

Innovation: a passion for stripes. A raspberry-pink sleeve coat had pale-pink and white stripes running up its side, with sleeve seams which turned out to be the fabric of the flannel suit beneath.

Curiosity: a brilliant red wool top coat dotted at random with enormous black danger spots.

### TINY HATS

Hats were minute and side-lit. But alas! I can't see them looking good with anything but a very neat chignon. And most of us lost these extra inches of hair long ago.

Balmain's top coats were delicious—loose, short and deeper sleeves, ample; often slit up to the waist at the back. In china-blue shantung, over a cowl-neck two-piece in the same beautiful blue, with a tiny toque to match, for instance.

### SPECTACLE

Almost no black; the collection sang with colour almost all the way through.

From six o'clock onwards Balmain became pure spectacle—apart from some faintly sober strapless sheath dresses in very fine crepe or chiffon. (If this meant for fine crepe continues something radical will have to be done about the way stockings stay up. Thin crepe throws every detail of the knobby suspender into high relief).

The grandest evening ensembles were all called Fete a Londres I'm happy to say, being one of the simplest as well as one of the prettiest—a long, narrow sheath in crinkly pink silk with a wide deep sleeve jacket in the same pink.

Fete Imprevue—Unexpected Party—shows the sort of clients Balmain is designing for.

If a chum rings you up and says "Filing on something pretty, we're all off to the Mirov," could you dig into your wardrobe and hope to find a stunning ankle-length sheath in white ribbed

## STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

### Willy Toad's Story

—He Tells Shadows How He Got A Black Eye—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, came hurriedly into the room. He sat himself down by his sister Hanid who, as it happened, was drawing a picture of a Toad.

"Now that's a funny thing," said Knarf.

"What is?" Hanid asked, looking up quickly, then looking down at the picture she was drawing. It was nearly finished, all except one eye.

"Well," said Knarf, "that picture you're drawing. I just met him."

"Met him? Met whom?" asked Hanid.

"Willy Toad. That's a picture of Willy, isn't it?" Knarf asked.

"Yes, I suppose it could be," Hanid smiled. She held the picture a little away from her face and studied it for a second or two. "Yes, it could be a picture of Willy Toad."

#### The other eye

"I have to finish drawing his other eye," she said as she laid the picture down flat again and started to make curved lines with her pencil around the empty spot where Willy's other eye had to be.

But Knarf put his hand on her wrist and stopped her. "You're doing it wrong," said Knarf. "Willy's got a black eye."

"—I don't believe it," said Hanid. "Willy wouldn't let anybody punch him in the eye. He's got more sense. And anyway, of the lake."

who'd want to punch Willy in the eye? Why?"

She held him up and looked at him.

"All right, Willy," he said. "Tell her yourself. Come on out and tell her."

At that, much to Hanid's astonishment, Willy Toad hopped out of Knarf's coat pocket. He had a black eye.

Hanid caught him in her hand. She held him up and looked at him.

"Somebody did punch you," she said to Willy. "Who was it?"

"Well," said Willy, "I don't like to mention names. I don't like being a tattletale. It was a fellow with a bushy tail who lives up in a tree in the park. He digs for nuts. Figure it out for yourself."

#### Willy's story

"A Squirrel!" exclaimed Hanid. "A Squirrel punched you in the eye?"

Willy didn't say "Yes" and he didn't say "No." He just sat still in the middle of Hanid's hand.

"Why did he do it?" Hanid asked.

Willy took a deep breath. Then he began:

"It happened this morning. I was hopping across the park, up the hills and down the valleys."

"Every now and then I stopped to admire the sunshine, or to smell a flower, or to catch a fly. Then on I went again, hopping up and down until finally I reached the other side of the lake."

"And there, under a shady tree, I discovered just what I was looking for!"

"Why, Willy," said Hanid, surprised, "were you looking for something?"

"Of course! You don't think I hopped all the way across the park just for no reason at all!"

#### Ordered him off

"But I thought it was to admire the sunshine and to smell the flowers and to catch flies!" said Hanid.

Willy shook his head.

"Hurry up and finish your story, Willy," urged Knarf.

"Yes," said Willy. "I found just what I was looking for a toadstool. It was growing right under that shady tree. So what did I do? I hopped right on top of the toadstool and sat there. For what is a toadstool for if not for a Toad to sit on?"

"I don't see how that got you a black eye," said Hanid.

"Go ahead, Willy," urged Knarf again.

"Suddenly," said Willy, "as I was sitting on my toadstool, down came that fellow with the bushy tail. He ordered me to get off that toadstool. But I didn't move."

"I looked him straight in the eye and asked him what business it was of his to order me to get off a toadstool."

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Squirrel wanted Willy to get off the toadstool.

get off — and when I shouted and yelled and screamed back that I wouldn't do any such thing, he just stood up on his bushy tail and hit me square in the eye!"

"Oh my! And what happened next?" asked Hanid worriedly.

#### Dug up chestnut

"I rolled over the ground holding my hand over my hit eye. But with the other eye," said Willy, "I saw Bushy-Tail push over my beautiful toadstool and start digging under it as fast as he could."

"And what did I see him dig up? I saw him dig up a big, brown chestnut."

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## LADY LUCK

### YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): It may be difficult at times to live up to the high reputation you have established for yourself, but it must give you great satisfaction nevertheless.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): By being overcautious you may let a unique opportunity go by, and you might take a chance on a small gamble today.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Prepare yourself for a forthcoming business discussion by anticipating the points likely to be raised and formulating your replies.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Your appreciation of the value of money puts a brake on the amount of hospitality you are prepared to give.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): A person in authority may recent being criticised no matter how valid the justification, and you should weigh your words very carefully indeed.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): An exchange of a purchased article may not prove very satisfactory, and you would be well advised to hold on to what you have got.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): The pleasure which people

derive from your generosity may be marred if you can't resist hinting at the cost of your gift.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): Your constant search for security will be strenuous, but in the end bring the desired results.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): If you insist on having too many irons in the fire at the same time, it is inevitable that the quality of some of your work will suffer.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): By asking an older person to help you with your problem you will find a very sympathetic ear and experienced guidance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): An unusual proposition put by a friend may be well worth considering, but if you feel you must reject it, do so as tactfully as possible.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): The most satisfactory outlets for your artistic endeavours are those, most directly expressive of life and truth.

**YOUR BIRTHDAY**: If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of an electric torch.

## JACOBY on BRIDGE

It was the last board of a long duplicate session and South who happens to be one of our really great players was both tired and in a hurry to get the hand over with.

He won the opening club lead and noted quickly that while three no-trump was a spread, his four-spade contract appeared to be superior for match point purposes.

Then he ran out dummy's ace, king and queen of hearts. East put the eight spot of spades on the queen of hearts and South overruffed with the jack.

### CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass  
2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass  
3♠ Pass ?

You, South, hold:  
♠ A 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ K 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠

What do you do?  
A—Your best bid is to jump to five diamonds. This will certainly get your partner to move to the slam if he likes his hand. With a conservative partner you might take full charge and ask for aces with a four no-trump bid.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
Instead of bidding three spades over your three heart-bid your partner has raised to four hearts. What do you do in this case?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 28			
♠ K 10 7 6			
♥ A K Q 2			
♦ K 7 5			
♣ A 3			
WEST			
♠ 5			
♥ J 9 7 6 4			
♦ 8 6 2			
♣ Q J 10 5			
EAST			
♠ A Q 8			
♥ 10 3			
♦ 10 4			
♣ K 9 7 0 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ J 4 3 2			
♥ 5 3			
♦ A Q J 10 3			
♣ A 3			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
Opening lead—4♣			

Now South had to lose three trump tricks and a club and was down one.

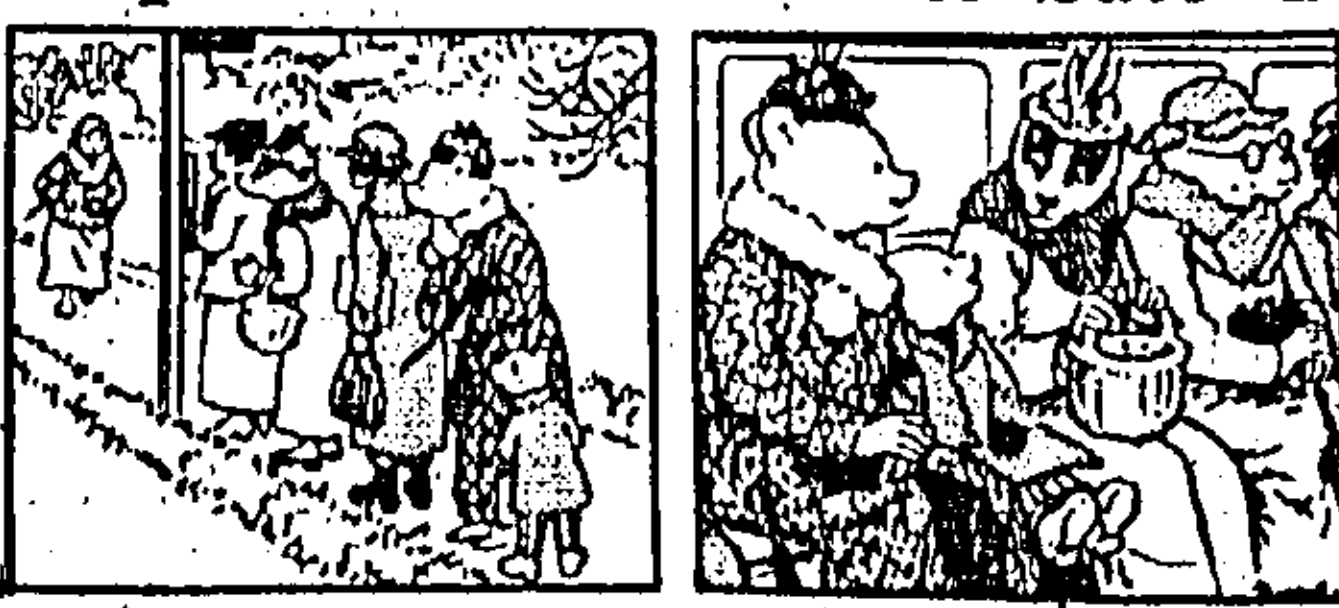
"Tough luck, partner!" murmured North.

"Tough luck, nothing!" said South. "I chuckled the hand."

Do you see where South went wrong?

If South had stopped to think, he would have discarded his losing club when East ruffed the queen of hearts. From then on all he would need to lose would be the ace and queen of trumps and he would have made his contract.

### Rupert and the Winter Sale—4



Mrs. Bear strides onward in a very determined way to reach the bus-stop. "Look what a lot of others are coming here," says Rupert. "Why are all the ladies of the village catching this bus? Mum?" "I expect they all have the same idea as I have," answers Mrs. Bear. "And just as Mrs. Bear, and Rupert is more mystified than ever."

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# South China . . . . . 0, Kitchee . . . . . 0 KITCHEE CONFOUND CRITICS

## Champions held to a draw in dramatic Senior Shield tussle

By I. M. MacTAVISH

In a tense, often dramatic, Senior Shield first round tie played before some 8,000 fans at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, Kitchee defied the odds and held powerful South China to a goalless draw after extra-time.

The champions, surprisingly weak in both inside-forward berths, never produced the classy touches which were so much a vital ingredient of their early-season play.

Much of the usual bite was also missing from their attack . . . but for all these circumstances the toweringly well-experienced Kitchee defence was mainly responsible.

This season Kitchee have shed their "star-spangled" banner but in place of the former big names they have found a collection of willing individuals who simply do not know the meaning of the word defeat.

Goalkeeper Tam Nai-huen, veteran full-backs Lau Chi-ping and Lee Ping-chui together with mobile, versatile centre-half Lam Sheung-ye were the rocks on which South China's frail forwards floundered.

**Glorious afternoon**  
Tam Nai-huen in particular had a glorious afternoon between the sticks and he deserved the sustained ovation accorded to him by the fans. He had several charitable smiles from Lady Luck . . . but, so competent was his general display, few could have guessed him his moments of good fortune. Never ostentatious Tam handled shots from all directions with inspiring confidence and the men in front of him responded splendidly.

The match provided a great tussle within a tussle as well as a sharp-as-a-needle Wong Chi-keung tried every trick in his repertoire to shake off the intelligent attention of Hong-kong's "grand-old-man-of-defensive-tactics," Lee Ping-chui. At the end the blank score-sheet suggested that the full-backs won his duel with the little winger . . . but that would be a harsh judgment for the South China star in fact had more shots at the Kitchee goal than all the other combined forwards put together. What was important, however, was that he was never given a second to steady up and he found Lee Ping-chui's instinctive sense of positioning a problem he never really solved.

**Honours to defence**  
The physical bouts between these two contrasting characters were keen but clean and it was a great pity that the winger blotted his copybook near the end of extra-time.

He was a most fortunate young man that the referee did not actually see his unidentified indiscretion against a Kitchee forward . . . otherwise he might have been watching the forthcoming Swiss series from the dubious comfort of the grandstand.

There is no doubt the honours in the game went to the Kitchee defence and while the men

have already named were the "rocks," it was wily Kwok Shek and industrious Ng Chun-leung who did a great deal to suppress the South China inside-forwards Ho Cheung-yau and Kwok Yau.

One could not help but feel a little surprise at the inability of the two South China men to vary their play. For 110 minutes they stuck to the same pattern as though confident that the Kitchee challenge would eventually wilt. It didn't . . . and the champions' inside-forwards had 'nothing up their sleeves' to change the situation.

The South China defence was competent and once it got over the early we're-out-five casual Sunday afternoon stroll attitude it looked as resolute and talented as it always does. However

one got the impression that the whole South China team took Kitchee's bit too much for granted in the opening period and once they realised their mistake they had to struggle very hard indeed to get their plan working smoothly . . . and in this they never really succeeded.

**South China threat**  
The Kitchee attack could not match the South China quintet in mobility or ideas.

Only Chu Wing-wah was capable of the same kind of thinking as his opposite numbers but whatever they may have lacked in skill the Kitchee boys made up in willingness and enthusiasm. With better support Ma Shu-nang would have given the South China defenders even more trouble than he did.

The South China threat came mainly from wingers Wong Chi-keung and Mok Chun-wah with the inside trio for once in strangely subsidiary roles.

Caroline Hill had been well watered for this important game but the fans—usually such excellent pre-judges of a good match—did not turn up in their expected numbers. In fact only 7,800 were present when the match started.

Early play was very much in favour of South China. Kitchee looked very heavy footed in comparison with the sprightly champions but Tam Nai-huen gave the Caroline Hill boys clear warning that goalkeeping was not going to be easy with several quick misses Ho Cheung-yau seemed set on proving how right he was.

With only six minutes gone Chu Wing-wah twisted a knee but he soon recovered. The Kitchee defence conceded a number of corners and proceeded to clear them just as regular.

In the 18th minute Ho Cheung-

yau clipped a fine low ball across the face of the Kitchee goal and everyone missed it. Then came a most amusing incident.

Lam Sheung-ye fouled Wong Chi-keung just outside the penalty area and the little winger and Lo Cheung-yeung lined up together to confuse the Kitchee defenders as to which of them would take the kick.

When the whistle blew Wong ran at the ball and jumped over it. Lo following up hit a stinging drive . . . right on to the seat of Wong's pants! It wasn't much of a foul to start with and this was maybe an appropriate 'seat of judgment'.

**Lucky**  
Ma Shu-nang was just inches outside the South China post with a quick try and at the other end Ho Cheung-yau seemed set to prove that what he had done once he could do again and three times he drove the ball high over the bar.

Mok Chun-wah had one fine chance when Tam Nai-huen had to punch clear but with the goalkeeper out of position, the Colony left-winger shot harmlessly wide.

Much more of the game but just before the interval they were lucky not to lose a goal when Wong Chi-keung burst through, coaxed the goalkeeper to advance towards him, and then shot outside the goal.

The second half quickly developed into a gripping struggle for supremacy.

For the first time the champions seemed to realise they had a fight on their hands and it was Kitchee who applied the post-interval pressure.

The first real thrill, however, came as Tam Nai-huen made a brilliant save in the 62nd minute when Wong Chi-keung drove a tremendous shot towards the near post. Seven minutes later the goalkeeper got a heart-stopping cheer when he pushed a treacherous lob from the winger over the bar just as Kwok Yau sent him sprawling into the back of the net. A thrilling piece of goalkeeping.

South China kept prodding at the Kitchee defence and several times Lau Kin-cheung had to make good saves to stop his eager opponents from snatching a goal.

Wong Chi-keung almost won the day when he was only inches out with a shot on the best bits of the original 90 minutes ended with a thrilling lob from Leung Kam-ye which clipped the Kitchee bar before the goalkeeper edged it out of danger . . . so the game went into extra-time.

The first incidents confirmed what we already knew: that Tam Nai-huen was bang in form and that Ho Cheung-yau's elevation was still sky high.

Kitchee surprisingly fell back into defence and almost paid the penalty when Lee Tak-wah headed narrowly over the bar. South China were allowed to get on top and Kitchee had a series of narrow escapes. First Lee Ping-chui kicked off the line, next Lam Sheung-ye made a magnificent clearance on the turn, and then Kwok Shek dived desperately to kick the ball almost off Lee Tak-wah's boot as the centre-forward steeled up to shoot.

**The big thrill**  
This was followed immediately by the game's big thrill. Kwok Yau found himself unmarked in the penalty area and hit a shot wide of Tam Nai-huen's left hand. The ball beat the edge of the post . . . flew off at an angle . . . passed behind the custodian . . . shot straight across the face of the goal . . . struck the outer edge of the opposite post . . . and was swept to safety by the defenders in the mass. The pangs of Kitchee relief sounded like the wind blowing round Waglan Lighthouse.

As though this was not enough the players seemed determined to upset the spectators' hearts and when Kwok Yau had another snap try at goal Lam Sheung-ye jumped high to head clear from under the crossbar. Intense stuff . . . indeed!



Tam Nai-huen, the Kitchee goalkeeper, making one of his spectacular saves during yesterday's match.

## USLTA annual meeting approves 'Open' tournament proposal

New Orleans, Feb. 5.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association has approved a plan to give each country the right to sanction play between amateurs and professionals.

The proposal will be submitted at the International Lawn Tennis Federation meeting in Stockholm next July. The Federation last year defeated a move to allow a limited number of Open tournaments on a trial basis.

**'Bleak outlook'**  
This year's plan, approved at the USLTA annual meeting here on Saturday, would give each country a chance to put the idea into effect at its discretion. The prime mover behind the proposal is Mr. Perry Jones of California, head of the USLTA Open Tournaments Committee.

Mr. David Freed was re-appointed captain of the United States Davis Cup team.

After the meeting, Mr. Freed said in an interview:

"The pace began to tell its tale and both teams were clearly afraid to take a chance in the second half of extra-time for it was quite obvious that one goal would win the game and the players adopted safety tactics to play out time."

**VERDICT:** A grand cup-tide with drama . . . excitement . . . incident galore . . . and very little classic football. Top honours go to the Kitchee defence in particular to immaculate Tam Nai-huen and ageless Lee Ping-chui.

Finally a very special word of commendation to referee Freddy Pratt for one of the best bits of whistling we have seen on a Colony ground this season. This was a tough he-man game and it would have died a miserable death if mismanaged . . . that it provided 110 minutes of excellent soccer entertainment was as much a tribute to the referee and linesmen as it was to the players . . . yet significantly enough the whistle was strangely little in evidence . . . and except for the Wong Chi-keung affair in the closing minute there was not a questionable incident in the game.

**Well done . . . all twenty five of you . . .**

**The teams**  
South China: Lau Kin-cheung, Luk Tak-hing, Kwok Kam-hung, Lo Cheung-kwong, So Man-po, Leung Kam-ye, Wong Chi-keung, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Tak-wah, Kwok Yau, Mok Chun-wah.

Kitchee: Tam Nai-huen, Lau Chi-ping, Lee Ping-chui, Ng Chun-leung, Lam Sheung-ye, Kwok Shek, Leung Ki-hing, Tsang Kang-jiang, Ma Shu-nang, Tsang Kang-kwong, Chu Wing-wah.

## Maxwell wins

### Palm Springs

### Golf Classic

Palm Springs, Feb. 5.  
Billy Maxwell won the \$50,000 Palm Springs Golf Classic today, shooting a one-under-par 71 for a total of 345 in the 90-hole tournament.

The 31-year-old Maxwell, playing out of Dallas, beat his nearest rival, Doug Sanders, by two strokes. Arnold Palmer, with a great finish, was third with a 69 for 348.

Billy Casper Jr was fourth and next came Bob Resburg and Ken Venturi.

Other big money winners included Don Whit, at 351, and tied at 352, Jack Flock, Canada's Stan Leonard and Al Mengert. Gary Player of South Africa finished with 68-72-73-70-71-354.

Player was tied for ninth place with Al Gieberger and George Bayer, each sharing \$720 of the prize money.

Such famous professionals as Art Wall Jr, Dave Ragan and Cary Middlecott finished far back.

The victory was worth \$5,300 to Maxwell.

He went into the final round at the Tamarisk Country Club tied with Ken Venturi and Billy Casper Jr.

Going into the last nine holes, Venturi led Maxwell by one stroke and Casper and Bob Resburg by two.

Venturi, Casper and Resburg fell apart in the final drive.

—AP & AFP.

## Alijah wins

### Indian Derby

Bombay, Feb. 5.

The Maharaja of Gwalior's Alijah, the 5-1 favourite, won the £7,440 Indian Derby in heavy going here today.—Reuter.

## Bookmakers offering 66-1 against Russia's Grand National entries

London, Feb. 5.

The first appearance of Soviet horses in the Grand National will add tremendous international appeal to the world's toughest steeplechase this season.

But although the three Russian entries have been kicking up the snow on their gallops on the frozen Steppes, they have not cut much ice in the London betting market.

In the current lists, bookmakers are offering 66 to one against each of the Russian horses — Epigraff II, Grifol and Reljet.

**'Collective' odds**  
They are also willing to bet on a collective price, which means that if any one of the three wins, the bookmaker will offer 66 to one against the other two.

The time it appeared likely that British racers would be denied the thrill of seeing the Russians attempting the formidable fences at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 25. When the entries were made, the Soviet Union was one of the countries from which the entry of horses into Britain was prohibited because of the fear of African horse disease.

The British government, however, is lifting the ban on Russian horses.

The Soviet trio for the National are, like all racehorses in their country, state-owned. They will lack nothing in stamina. Epigraff II and Grifol have both won the gruelling Pardubice 'churn' in Czechoslovakia, and Reljet is a winner of a steeplechase confined to leading Moscow-trained chasers. The Russians are preparing

Judging by past results at Aintree, that heavy impost seems an almost impossible task. A quarter of a century has gone by since a horse carried more than 12 stone to victory in the Grand National—the last being Reynoldsford (12 stone 2 pounds) in 1939.

Mr Sheppard rated only one home-trained entry worthy of 12 stone on merit—seven-year-old King. But the connections of King, and also those of game little Mandarin (11 stone 13 pounds), apparently considered that to carry such heavy burdens over Aintree's 30 towering fences is too much of an ordeal, as both have been taken out of

## PEAK INTEREST ENSURED FOR HENLEY REGATTA

London, Feb. 5.

The re-appearance of the all-conquering Russians after an absence of three years will ensure peak interest in this year's Henley Royal Regatta, to be held on the river Thames from July 2 to 8.

One of the most colourful and popular events in the English sporting calendar, the Regatta is likely to attract a record number of entries and spectators this year.

Although the Regatta is still nearly five months away, feelers are already being put out in Henley, offering to accommodate the Russian crews and officials during their stay in England. On their last visit in 1959 they stayed at a private hotel, complete with their own doctor and dietician, who insisted on watching the preparation of all their food.

With the Russians' meticulous attention to detail, the same thing can be expected this time.

But they will be overwhelmed with offers of hospitality, for they have an aura of glamour about them which the rowers of no other visiting country can equal.

**Aura of glamour**  
Work will soon start on piling and booming the Henley course, preceded by the ancient ceremony of 'gathering the swans' by the Queen's peeper of the swans, Mr F. D. Turk. They are taken to the upper reaches of the river, and returned after the Regatta.

The Regatta, first held in 1839, is steeped in history. Prince Albert, later the Prince Consort, became the first royal patron in 1951, and ever since then it has been styled "Henley Royal Regatta."

In recent years it has grown into big business. Last year nearly £27,000 passed through the hands of the administrative stewards. More than £10,000 is spent on providing stands for public and press, and on booming the course of one mile 570 yards.

In order that everything will run smoothly during Henley week, Regatta secretary Mr A. L. Alexander will work a 12-hour day from now until July.

And then he can only hope—hope for the weather, which is needed to set the seal on the great sporting and social occasion that is Henley.—Reuter.

## YESTERDAY'S CRICKET

Police kept up their challenge for the Second Division Cricket League Championship by defeating Champions by 63 runs yesterday. They now have the same number of 30 points as the league-leading Garrison but have played one match more.

Scores were:

**POLICE**  
K. E. Wellburn, c Mills b Oel . . . . . 4  
D. Applin, b Shepherd . . . . . 14  
J. N. Roberts, lbw Fawcett . . . . . 53  
R. L. J. MacDonald, b Readman . . . . . 0

**CHAMPIONS**  
M. Williamson, c Hook b Fawcett . . . . . 60  
J. Hollis, b Readman . . . . . 14  
R. E. Bryant, c Mills b Readman . . . . . 11  
A. Anderson, c Mills b Oel . . . . . 20  
A. G. Wilson, not out . . . . . 2

Extras . . . . . 4

Total for 8 wks decd. 194

Did not bat: G. R. Day, E. F. Taylor

**Bowling Analysis**

	O	M	R	W
Shepherd . . . . .	9	4	13	1
Oel . . . . .	6	1	27	2
Readman . . . . .	10	1	61	3
Ridge . . . . .	3	0	32	0
Fawcett . . . . .	5	1	24	2
Whitely . . . . .	8	0	35	0
Bailly . . . . .	1	0	8	0

**CENTAURS**

A. J. M. Prata, b Day . . . . . 3  
S. C. Pascoe, b Day . . . . . 14  
B. C. Hook, c Bryant b Day . . . . . 7  
D. C. Resman, b Williamson . . . . . 24  
N. Oel, c Wellburn, b Williamson . . . . . 37  
J. J. Ridge, b Anderson . . . . . 0  
W. Whittaker, b Anderson . . . . . 0  
A. G. Wilson, c Anderson . . . . . 14  
Williamson . . . . . 7  
G. K. Fawcett, c Wilson b Taylor . . . . . 14  
L. W. R. Mills, lbw Taylor . . . . . 4  
A. Shepherd, not out . . . . . 4

Extras . . . . . 14

Total . . . . . 131

**Bowling Analysis**

	O	M	R	W
G. R. Day . . . . .	7	1	25	3
E. F. Taylor . . . . .	6	2	20	2
M. Williamson . . . . .	7	3	15	2
A. Anderson . . . . .	5	0	25	2
A. Wilson . . . . .	3	0	20	1

**KCC vs Wanderers**

In a friendly match at Chatter-road yesterday, Hong-kong Cricket Club Wanderers beat Kowloon Cricket Club by one wicket.

**KCC**  
B. Bosch, c Mahon b Jones . . . . . 10  
L. C. Ebert, c Waghorn b Jones . . . . . 1  
Jones . . . . . 21  
A. Jayadh, c Waghorn b White . . . . . 38  
R. Peppercell, c Strachan b White . . . . . 3  
V. Selphall, c Waghorn b Sheldan . . . . . 45  
B. Swann, b White . . . . . 3  
M. Gullford, c Wyatt b White . . . . . 0  
H. Cartledge, c Clark b Jones . . . . . 11  
P. Bracken, b Sheldan . . . . . 4  
A. Goody, c White b Sheldan . . . . . 0  
R. Bell, not out . . . . . 6  
Extras . . . . . 5

Total . . . . . 143

**Bowling Analysis**

	O	M	R	W
R. B. Jones . . . . .	10	2	33	3
L. Sheldan . . . . .	10	2	38	3
D. White . . . . .	7	0	40	4
R. Wyatt . . . . .	7	3	22	0

**HKCC WANDERERS**

C. T. Rowe, c and b Peppercell . . . . . 18  
J. Strachan, b Ebert . . . . . 40  
R. C. Clark, b Selphall . . . . . 3  
P. Mann, c Bracken b Goody . . . . . 23  
R. Wyatt, b Ebert . . . . . 16  
T. Mahon, not out . . . . . 20  
J. Jones, c Swann b Bell . . . . . 2  
J. Riley, c Roach b Bell . . . . . 0  
A. Goody, c Waghorn b Ebert . . . . . 1  
D. White, c Bell b Ebert . . . . . 1  
Extras . . . . . 8

Total for 8 wickets . . . . . 143

Did not bat: L. Sheldan.

**Bowling Analysis**

	O	M	R	W
Peppercell . . . . .	6	1	18	1
Fairhall . . . . .	10	1	30	1
Jayadh . . . . .	4	1	6	0
Bracken . . . . .	4	0	11	0
Ebert . . . . .	9	1	29	4
Goody . . . . .	4	0	18	1
Bell . . . . .	8	4	20	3

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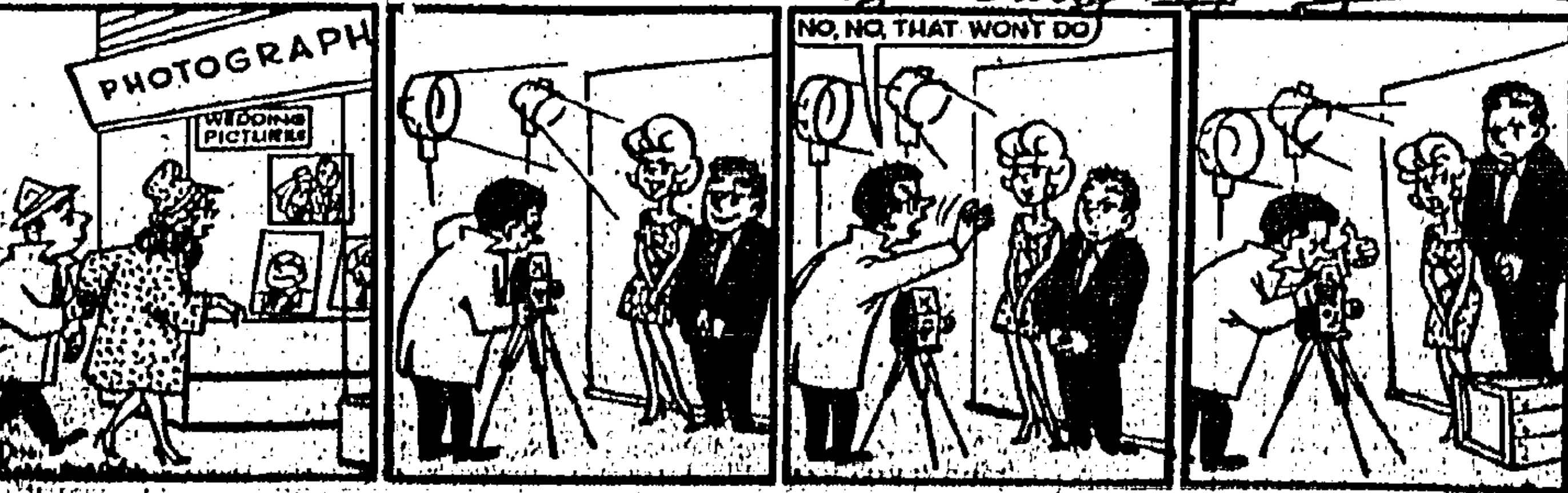


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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1961.

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## A misty morning —but more cold on the way

Mist hung around the harbour and in the vicinity of Hongkong, reducing the visibility for ships and aircraft this morning.

### \$30 final dividend announced

The net profit of the Chinese Estates Ltd., owner of the China Building, amounted to \$1,667,761 in 1960, which, added to \$451,495 brought forward, makes a total of \$2,119,256.

This was stated by Mr Fung Ping-fan, Chairman, at the annual meeting today.

Mr Fung said that a profit of about \$807,000 was made on realisation of part of their share investment.

The meeting approved payment of a final dividend of \$30 a share in addition to the interim dividend of \$10 a share, already paid.

This represents an increase of \$10 a share compared with the previous year.

A spokesman for the airport station of the Royal Observatory said: "At one time, the visibility was down to 1,200 yards. The visibility has been mostly around 2,000 yards."

There was no substantial disruption in airline schedules this morning but a Marine Department officer said: "The mist has certainly slowed down shipping."

#### Cold front

A cold front of the northeast monsoon from the continent is slowly but steadily moving south.

"It is due to reach us early tomorrow morning with rain," the spokesman said.

"The outlook is cooler and less humid."

Forecast for today: Light to moderate southwest winds. Fine and warm with sea fog dispersing during the afternoon.

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**FOR DEALER**

The maximum sentence of three years and a fine of \$50,000 or an additional six months was imposed by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning on a 62-year-old man who pleaded guilty to a charge of dealing in dangerous drugs.

Choi Chung, of hut 62, Wang Hang Village West, Shaokwun admitted that he dealt in dangerous drugs on February 3 in his hut.

Inspector Y. C. Lam said defendant was arrested after the police had asked an agent to buy two packets of heroin from defendant in his hut with a marked dollar note.

When the police raided defendant's hut the marked note was found among a bundle of other notes. Also found in the hut was 10 packets of heroin and 17 packets of barbitone.

Choi's previous police record including opium smoking convictions dated back to 1949.

### HE OFFERED INDECENT BOOKS TO POLICEMAN

Ng Tong, 40, of 118 Lockhart road, second floor, was fined \$250 by Mr T. Croodon at South Kowloon Court this morning for distributing objectionable books.

Inspector A. Levy prosecuting told the court that the defendant offered 14 indecent books to a police inspector for sale at his bookstall at a side lane near No. 2 Carnarvon road last Saturday.

The books were taken from the rear of the stall.

#### NEW CROSSING

The pedestrian crossing opposite to the King's Theatre has now been eliminated and a studded crossing from the foot of Wyndham-street to Pedder-street opened instead.

Police on point duty on Queen's-road Central at Ice House-street corner, and outside the Central Building are now joined by a traffic policeman at the foot of Wyndham-street.

## Food distributed at Chinese New Year party



The above China Mail picture shows a Chinese woman receiving food from SPC officials at a party at Southern playground this morning.

### SHAMSHUPO PARTY

More than 500 under-privileged children were entertained this morning at a Chinese New Year party by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children at the Society's centre in Shamsuipo.

Soft drinks and food parcels were given out to the children and their mothers by Miss Pauline Tong, Chief Inspector, Mrs J. Quinlan, Branch Secretary and two voluntary helpers, Mrs D. Hardy and Mrs P. Hodge.

The party is the first of six that are to be given at the Society's centre throughout the Colony this week, and which will be attended by more than 30,000.

## Mohan's plan new building in Wyndham-st

Extra office accommodation in Wyndham-street is envisaged in plans laid this morning before Tenancy Tribunal comprising Mr B. V. Rhodes (President), Mr P. Plumbly and Mr Szeto Wai.

Mr D. A. L. Wright instructed by Philip Remedios and Co, appeared for the applicant, Mohan's Ltd who propose to demolish 75-77 Wyndham-street and re-develop the site

with a seven-storey office building costing \$470,000.

Mr Wright told the Tribunal that No 75 had been bought for \$175,000 with vacant possession in June last year. This property therefore, did not concern the Tribunal.

The 30-year-old three-storey Chinese tenement house, No. 77, figuring in the proceedings, had been purchased in May for \$100,000.

#### Increase in space

Tenants including Kishinchand and Co; the Hongkong Tailor; King's Company and Raney Kaye, and Co, were represented by P. L. Lam; Peter Mo and Co; Helen Lo and Co; d'Almeida and Mason and E. Cheung and Chaine.

Mr Wright produced plans prepared by Mr W. K. Lee that would increase the floor area from 7,500 square feet to nearly 10,400 square feet.

He said that the house which was practically opposite the offices of the Central Magistracy had the customary dilapidations and the balconies supported by iron brackets were in a state of disrepair.

Hearing continues.

## Letters from you to the editor OPPOSING PEERS

As usual, Sir Beverley Baxter's "London Letter" (written in Scotland) in the "China Mail" of Saturday, was highly entertaining and informative. Eliminating the rest of his discourse on Socialist Peers in the Upper House, one essential point of his "Letter" shows the mentality of our British Parliamentary system that is such an enigma to the foreigners strange to our democratic way of life.

To the aliens who know little or nothing of the British Constitution, it must seem wondrous strange that a ruling Conservative Government should find it possible, nay, desirable, to insist on having a strong Opposition to oppose it by crowding the Higher Chamber with newly created peers from the Socialist Camp. This happens in the magnanimity of the present Government which is anxious that the country should be fully represented, "whatever" the political inclination of the elect-

torate, Tory, Labour or Whig (Liberal).  
When we refer to the oft-abused word "democracy", we think of all liberal form of government that premise the people's freedom, but which country's government is willing or eager as in the present British Conservative Government to countenance any form of opposition, let alone going but of its way to create the necessary means for such opposition that has been unavailable?  
Since the lower house is elected by the people, whatever government is in power it has no right or authority to increase or reduce its constituted membership, and so the opposition in the House of Commons must depend on the choice of the electorate.  
We British citizens of the Commonwealth cannot but be proud of our great heritage that recognises the right of others to criticise, to have a voice in the government to ensure that our freedom is protected and our rights safeguarded.  
Without exaggeration, Britain (the Great Britain) has long ago been permitted to die a quiet death, to be possibly the only country in the world that practises democracy in its true form, as even in the USA which claims to be the cradle of democracy there is no record of the Democrats or Republicans being anxious to create its own opposition, though they might tolerate "legitimate" filibustering.  
Having set a precedent, "Magnanimous Mac" has posed a problem for any future socialist government which might some day be returned to power and faced with a weak opposition. Would it then also try to make it possible for the Opposition to oppose effectively? We shall see.

MAC'S ADMIRER.

## Plan to redevelop Wanchai property

Mr J. R. Oliver, President of Tenancy Tribunal comprising Mr T. Spinks and Mr Wang Ching-yau, this morning heard plans for a large-scale redevelopment of property in Wanchai.

The eight houses concerned are 13-19, Lee Garden-road and 62-68, Percival-street. Mr T. E. Moore of Deacons Ltd, appeared for the applicant, Mr H. S. Tam, architect, produced details of the new scheme to replace the existing property by four nine-storey buildings on the front of Percival-street and four six-storey structures facing Lee Garden-road at a cost of approximately \$720,000.

The floor areas would be increased by three times the present space available. Towards filing opposing applications numbered 137 and were represented by Mr Terence Shurlock instructed by Thomas Wang and Co; Philip Remedios; Sen and Liang, F. Zimmerman and Hastings.

The first stage of the whole scheme for the area was approved by Tenancy Tribunal in December, 1960. This covered 5-11, Lee Garden-road and Nos 54-60, Percival-street. The scheme is to be implemented within one year.

The hearing continues.

## 61-year-old chopper man sent to jail

A 61-year-old Chinese man was found guilty in the District Court this morning of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Judge B. J. Jennings sentenced him to four months' jail.

The man, Yik Hang of the Shek Kip Mei resettlement area, had pleaded not guilty to wounding Tse Nam on December 8.

Judge Jennings found that the two men had quarrelled over debts after Tse went to the accused's house to get money.

He said he was satisfied that Tse was aggressive and the defendant had something to fear from him.

The accused had grabbed a chopper on the spur of the moment and struck Tse on the head a number of times.

He said the assault completely unjustified in its severity, Judge Jennings said.

In passing sentence, he told Yik he was liable to life imprisonment, but he was taking into account the provocation and his age.

After sentencing the accused, Judge Jennings warned Tse that he too was breaking the law by going to a man's house to demand money instead of seeking remedy through the courts.

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February 1936

MR Henry Lardner Dennis, one of the senior practising solicitors in the Colony, died in hospital on Saturday at the age of 50 years. He was the son of Mr H. L. Dennis, of the old firm of Dennis and Bowley, formerly Crown Solicitor and a member of the Land Court.

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Said the SCM Post in a comment on flag days: "Flag days, flag days, flower days—there has been complaint that they have reached the frequency of a nuisance. Government accordingly proposes to legislate for control."

"The complaint is in some degree well-founded, for among the sellers of flags and flowers are a few who waylay the charitable in the full sense of the word, obstructing them in the streets, forcing flowers into their buttonholes, crashing into the offices and thus annoying."

It is to be feared that some of the complaint comes from the ungenerous, to whom any request to assist a deserving cause is importunity. Their grievance has no loftier basis than that of the bored citizen whose objection to flower days is upon the score of monotony—always the same paddy, uninviting paper blooms.

Whether legislation is necessary is arguable. A more serious point is whether such legislation is constitutional. It is a problem for the legal experts; but we make bold to say that Government has no power to prohibit canvassing for subscriptions, which is what the street sale of favours amounts to."

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UNIVERSITY were beaten by four runs by Craigengower on Saturday after a splendid innings of 80 by E. L. Goanato, who eventually was bowled by F. Zimmerman.

Zimmerman's brother, Ernie, topped for Craigengower with 82 and W. Rapley scored 53.

Goanato took four Craigengower wickets for 51.

Scores: University 105 for seven, Craigengower 109 for six.

In the KCC versus IRC match, E. C. Fincher scored 53 and E. F. Fincher 43 for KCC's 101. Pereira took four wickets for 59 and IRC replied with 93, top-scorer being A. H. Madar with 24. A. R. Kitchell scored 20. S. V. Gilts took three wickets for 18 for KCC.

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